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THE CHAPTER LETTER.

"We have the best bunch of freshmen this year in college and the best bunch we have ever had," an alumnus of one of our leading fraternities said to me early in the autumn.

"What do you think of Klein?" I asked, with a desire to show interest and a willingness to reveal the fact that I knew some of his men.

"I don't know," he replied. "I haven't seen one of them; but I read about them in the chapter letter in our quarterly, and you know those letters never tell anything but the truth. The facts are," he continued thoughtfully, "I believe I've seen that same statement about our freshmen every year since I left college," and so has every man if he has read his fraternity journal as he should have done.

A considerable number of fraternity publications come to my table during the year through the courtesy of editors and fraternity men with whom I am acquainted, and I think as I look these through there is no department of these journals which awakens in me more interest or gives me more pleasure than that one devoted to the letters from the various chapters of the fraternity. The facts are often drawn from the imagination, the pathos is generally quite ingenuous, and the humor is more often than otherwise entirely unconscious and unintentional. The following quoted from a southern correspondent to one of the journals, and breathing of soft music and palm trees, has the tender sentimental touch:

"Having given an unusual amount of smokers and dances, we drew the scholastic year to a glorious close with our annual com-

mencement banquet. Were I to attempt an account in detail all the pleasure and glory given to Alpha that night I would consume more than our space. Let it suffice to say that there were more than forty seated 'round our festive board' including ourselves and our ladies. The banquet hall was decorated with more than a hundred college pennants, Florida palms and Pitcher plants. Soft music drifted from behind the palms while we slowly, and with dignity, sacrificed eighteen delightful courses. Ever and anon the laughter of the girls and the 'speel' of the boys were silenced by the thundering oratory of the toastmaster and his toasters. So much for the banquet."

O. Henry has one of his character say with reference to a bibulous young fellow who had kissed a plain featured waitress and who afterward apologized for his rudeness, "He wasn't no gentleman, or he'd never have apologized," which suggests to me that no one but a southerner ever takes a "lady" to his annual dance.

I have never gone into the history of these letters which are almost universally at present a part of fraternity journals, but I have no doubt that if it were possible to do so it would be found that the practice of requiring them grew up from a desire on the part of officers and members to become better acquainted with the entire membership of the organization, to know something of the personal lives of the individuals composing each chapter, and to bind the different chapters more closely together. It was no doubt something of the same purpose expressed in a broader way perhaps that the members of a family widely separated now have who write regularly to each other of the personal happenings in their own lives, or that personal friends have who through regular correspondence attempt to keep the fires of friendship brightly burning.

In the early history of Greek-letter fraternities there were few chapters of each organization and these few were usually close together. It was possible for a wide-awake man in those early days to know personally a large percentage of the men who made up the undergraduate ranks of his organization and through the quarterly letters to know something about every other man whom he did not know personally. As the fraternity roll was increased and the

interests of the fraternity widened the need of something to bind the various chapters together, to strengthen unity and to bring the undergraduates more fully into personal acquaintance with each other was more and more felt, and the regular chapter letter was made a requirement under penalty of a fine. There have been many attempts made in committees and conferences, and congresses to repeal this requirement, but they have always been unsuccessful, as I suspect they are likely to continue to be. The letters do a work in the fraternity which I think is worth doing, and though I feel strongly that they do not accomplish it as well as it could be done or as well as it should be done, I should be sorry to have the custom discontinued.

I have never been a very willing correspondent, and having been called upon to write many and various sorts of letters, I can sincerely sympathize with the man who has laid upon him the unsolicited task of writing letters to an editor whom he never saw, at a time when he would much rather do something else, and upon a subject in which he is likely to find little personal interest.

For some months I have been carrying on a weekly correspondence with a young boy at "prep" school whose guardian I am and in whose intellectual, physical and moral progress I have no little interest. His letters to me are full of the results of football games, of parties, of "Bojack" parades, of escapades off campus. I am interested in these matters, of course, but the things I want most to know he is not likely to mention. I was reviewing his Latin with him at Christmas time and came to a chapter of Caesar with which he was totally unfamiliar. "They had that while I was in the hospital," he explained to me. "When were you in the hospital?" I asked somewhat in surprise. "Oh, in November," he replied. "Didn't I write you about that?" And so incidentally it came out during his vacation that he was taking piano lessons, that there had been a fire in his dormitory, that his roommate had had scarlet fever, and that he had failed his mathematics. He was quite surprised to find that he had neglected to tell me any of these things in his letters, or that I should be interested in their recital. What to me was vital was to him only a passing and a trifling incident. His letters have not truthfully reflected his real life. I have felt as I have gone over these chapter letters that

in many, if not in most, cases they told very little of what I should most like to know of the lives and accomplishments of the men in the active chapters.

The first thing that strikes me about these letters is their oppressive optimism. They reek with panygyrics; they express nothing short of superlatives; they are turgid with laudation. One who has had even a moderate amount of experience with imperfect human nature must have something of the feeling toward the writers of these letters that a friend of mine had toward a mutual acquaintance whom he characterized as "imaginative and expedient rather than rigidly and puritanically literal." The letters that are before me as I write these paragraphs are pregnant with "brightest prospects for the year," are full of "the most promising material" and "swell with pride" as they introduce "the best freshmen in college and the most brilliant that the fraternity has ever pledged." The semester that is closed is "the most successful in the history of the fraternity," and the one that is opening "bids fair to eclipse those of former years."

I recall a letter written by a member of a chapter with which I was acquainted which began, "After closing a remarkably successful college year," and continued with a page of similar bunk. The "remarkably successful college year" for them had in reality been full of disaster. The commissary through mismanagement had left the fraternity nearly \$1,000 in debt, one of their prominent upper classmen had been dismissed for cribbing, the highest officer of the fraternity had neglected his duty throughout his entire term of office, and the freshmen had been allowed to run wild so that they had brought down the scholastic standing of the organization to the bottom of the fraternity list; and yet it had been a "remarkably successful college year."

The following modest recital illustrates the sort of stuff which I have in mind, and which every one discounts as he reads. The only modification which I have made is to change the names. It looks as if Lyons was a hard-worked man.

"Our annual reception was one, indeed, to be proud of, and pronounced the greatest fete of the commencement season.

"At commencement Lyons did honor to our noble fraternity by being awarded the medal given by the *News*, the college paper,

for the best short story. Lyons, also, tied for the "Ready Writer's" medal.

"We are represented on the college paper, *News*, by George as associate editor and Smith as circulation manager. On the *Monthly* by Weaver and Lyons as editor-in-chief and business manager. At the last meeting of the athletic association, Lyons was elected president and Smith, treasurer. While we have received these honors, we did not secure them by political schemes, but attained them."

The estimate which the fraternity correspondent places upon his chapter and upon its accomplishments is very seldom a reasonable one, or one which is born out by the facts. I have never known but one man who admitted that his own chapter was not the best in college. I have seldom known a man who could really look at his chapter in a cold-blooded and unemotional way and judge it fairly. Last year my office sent out to the various fraternities which have chapters at the University of Illinois a questionnaire asking among other things that the thirty or so chapters of Greek-letter fraternities which are represented at Illinois be ranked in order of excellence or standing. The papers were to be returned without signature, so that it was not possible to tell what fraternity had filled out any one of the papers. It was interesting to note that practically every fraternity was given first place on at least one paper, and it was not hard to guess that most of the organizations had ranked themselves first. If the estimate of correspondents are to count for anything the men who write must be able to see their own faults and the weaknesses of the organizations which they represent, and they must be willing to admit some of these faults.

A third characteristic of these letters which seems to me to show a weakness of judgment is the fact that nothing is seized upon as a fit subject for praise and dissemination with such eagerness and self-congratulation as is the fact that some one of the brothers has been elected to something or has joined some organization outside of the fraternity. There is verily more joy over the one or two lucky brothers who get into the most insignificant organizations than over all the others who stay in the chapter house and do the real work of the fraternity. A few excerpts will suffice to illustrate my point.

"The coming year promises to be one of great prosperity. The chapter is better represented in all lines of activity than any other organization here. We have two varsity captains, manager of the musical clubs, an athletic manager, an interscholastic manager and an assistant manager, upper and lower class debaters, editor of the 1917 *Sphinx* with three men on the board, a class president and other minor offices."

"'Bull' Dunne made Archons, junior law society, and 'Swats' Bartelme was appointed stage manager of the Comedy Club for next year. At the all-campus election held in May, 'Tim' Paisley was elected assistant track manager for 1915-16. With these honors to begin the year, and the prospect of having every active brother back again, we are confident that the ensuing year will prove an exceptionally successful one for us."

The next illustration is rather characteristic, and seems to indicate that the Kahle brothers might be the busy men at the picnic.

"For the coming year there are bright prospects. The candidates under consideration are very promising and much is expected from the older brothers. Rhoades is a member of the College Council and Rankin and H. B. Kahle members of the Inter-Fraternity Conference. R. F. Kahle is associate editor of the *Campus*, the college weekly, and assistant editor of the *Kal-dron*, an annual publication. He is also treasurer of the Modern Problems Club and on the debating team. Boyd is assistant football manager this year and succeeds to the managership next year.

"Moore, Baker and H. B. Kahle have been initiated into Alpha Chi Sigma, the chemical fraternity. McKinney has been chosen leader of the Mandolin Club and H. B. Kahle is manager of the combined Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

"Moore is business manager of the *Literary Monthly*, and also secretary of the Athletic Association.

"McKinney, Wilber and H. B. Kahle are out for the basketball team. R. F. Kahle is in charge of the cross-country running squads."

I do not wish to minimize such honors as are mentioned here. They are interesting, some of them are worth while, but they are after all only incidental to the real life and work of the chapter

and should not have the emphatic position in the letter. It takes little genius in college to get into things, but it often requires backbone and finesse to keep out.

Scholastic success unless attended with some public praise or recognition is made little of in these letters, and if one did not know to the contrary, one might very well ask himself when he is reading over these letters whether or not the fraternity man ever attains any scholastic honors. The item quoted below touches the scholastic situation with a delicacy which deserves commendation.

"Illinois Beta is now enjoying its summer vacation after a most successful year. Most of the brothers passed their final examinations satisfactorily and from the outlook we should take a high place among the fraternities at Illinois.

"This year we lose three men by graduation. Three other brothers will not return next year, having left college to go into business."

One can scarcely help wondering if the three brothers who have left college to go into business may not have been induced somewhat to take that step because they were not included in the fortunate list of those who passed their final examinations. There is no mention either of any brother who might in passing have done himself and the chapter credit. It is considered a sufficient cause for congratulation that so large a number succeeded in getting by and no questions are asked or information given as to the margin above a mere passing grade which the brothers attained. Since the doing of his college work is the main thing for which an undergraduate is supposed to go to college, the fellow who accomplishes this result with distinguished credit to himself is certainly entitled to some special mention.

One could wish sometimes that the writers had adopted a more direct and a simpler style. The following is the introductory sentence to a letter full of the most ridiculously exaggerated eulogium. One feels as he is reading it as if he were wallowing in a mire of oratorical slush.

"Fifty-six years of Iowa Zeta's existence have passed into the realm of history, and as Apollo casts his radiant gleams upon her fifty-seventh annus we wish first of all to introduce seven new brothers."

Each issue of one fraternity journal which comes to my table is full of such humor from the first letter to the last.

The effect of all this inflated style, exaggerated self-praise and failure to realize the relative value of things is bad. The letters seem artificial, insincere, conceited. They remind me often of the conversation of two imaginative small boys, the one trying to outstrip the other in tales of personal accomplishment and adventure. They too often lack character, force and real truthfulness, and they seldom give us any really adequate idea of the actual condition of the chapter.

Having heaped so much criticism upon the chapter letters as I have found them I ought at least to make a few suggestions as to their improvement, and this I shall attempt to do.

In the first place I have never seen any advantage to the local chapter or to the fraternity at large in fabricating the facts. Such a procedure seldom deceives any one. When a pale, haggard-eyed undergraduate comes into my office and tells me that he is in riotous good health and that he never felt better in his life, I know that he is lying, though I do not always go to the trouble of telling him so. So when a fraternity correspondent boasts of his chapter's having had the best year in its history, of its having pledged seventeen of the most superb freshmen that ever came out of prep school, and of being on the whole the most inexpressibly successful and influential bunch ever tolerated by the college authorities, every one who has had any experience knows about where they stand. To blow one's own horn mellifluously and modestly is a task so difficult that the ordinary correspondent might better not attempt it. Present the facts fairly and as they are. Tell the truth. If the fellows have succeeded, say so; but we have all learned that life is not entirely sunshine. If you have lost out, admit it; if things are wrong and you have made mistakes, face the facts honestly and resolve to try to correct conditions. The man or the chapter that is supremely self-satisfied will never improve. Optimism may be carried so far as to become a weakness. When you revise your letters, cut out ninety-five per cent. of the self-satisfaction and all of the self-praise.

Try so far as is possible to give an adequate idea of the personality of the individual men composing the chapter. Single each

man out and give a few details as to what each is like, where he came from and what he has done. Especially as to the new men, for you are presenting these brothers to a wide range of friends who do not know them, but who would be glad to get better acquainted. Tell who recommended them, to whom they are related, and what work they are taking up. If King is the youngest brother of Elden's wife, and if Cross comes from Warren's town, these facts will help to introduce and to individualize them. If Wallace was a high school orator, or Wright a cross-country star these are good things to say. The correspondent has a fine chance to present the characteristics and personality of every man in the chapter, and in so doing he will help to carry out the original purpose of the chapter letters which was, as I have said, to bring each chapter and each man in the chapter into closer personal touch with all the other chapters.

We are all intensely interested, I am sure, in the growth and development of the institution in which our various chapters are located, and as for myself I am most interested in the life, the customs and the traditions of these institutions—the local environment and the conditions which so strongly influence undergraduate life and which differentiate the character of one institution from that of another. How little of this tremendous difference is revealed by the chapter letters is unbelievable until one has read them in an attempt to discover it. Have you ever tried to determine, for example, how different undergraduate life and traditions at Albion are from those at the University of Virginia or at Sewanee from the University of Minnesota. Have you ever thought to what extent undergraduate practice at an institution of more than five thousand students like the University of Michigan or the University of Illinois differs and must of necessity differ from that of a smaller college like Beloit or Muhlenberg? The chapter letters give us very little conception of these differences because the correspondent perhaps, having in most cases been in but one class of institution, has taken for granted that matters are run in every institution as they are run in his own, and has not given the time or the thought necessary to make these differences clear. He does not realize how interesting and illuminating his letters would be if he would take such trouble. I have looked,

for example, through many fraternity quarterlies in an attempt to get an adequate idea of the specific class scraps held in various institutions throughout this country, but though I find constant references to them, so little detail has been given that I have never been able to understand in what way one contest differs from another. The correspondent has simply taken for granted that we know all about it and lets the matter go at that. The same thing is true of a thousand other details of undergraduate life.

I was very much interested, I cannot say I was surprised, at a recent inter-fraternity conference when in conversation with a prominent fraternity man of New York, to find how little he knew of the University of Illinois. He was wholly unfamiliar with its history, its equipment, its endowment, its curriculum and its attendance. He did not know whether it was located in Chicago or in Kankakee and the chapter letters he had read were calculated to give him very little information on these subjects. Before I commented too severely upon his ignorance I took time to ask myself how much I knew about the University of Oklahoma, or Rutgers, or Miami, and before any one who reads this article grows conceited I should like to inquire how much he knows about Cincinnati University or the College of Charleston or the Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas, or Tufts, or Bowdoin, and how concrete an idea is it possible for him to get from the chapter letter in his fraternity magazine. All this suggests to me that the letters ought to tell every year something about the college—its aims, its extent, its growth, its accomplishments.

I should feel it unfortunate, too, if the letters did not contain considerably specific reference to undergraduate activities. Athletics, dramatics, social events, college publications form a large part of the life of most undergraduates and a larger part of their interest. College papers are often criticised because they devote so large an amount of their reading matter to the discussion of these undergraduate activities and so small a part to the more important things of college life. It will always be so so long as those who have charge of college publications are young and interested in youthful activities. I have frequently remarked that if a prominent professor should die on the day of an important football game, the college paper the next morning would very likely give

the game the front page, while the professor was modestly stowed away somewhere on the inside of the sheet. Since this point of view is so common I should feel that the chapter letter would not adequately and truthfully represent the undergraduate point of view unless it devoted a considerable amount of the space allotted to it to college activities.

There was a time, I suppose, when a fraternity man felt that his duty was done if he knew his own fraternity and showed interest in it. I have even heard fraternity men say that they did not care to form the acquaintance of men of other organizations, and that they had little or no interest in what other fraternities were doing. Such a feeling, fortunately, is about gone, and fraternity men all over the country are being drawn more closely together, are stimulating each other to mutual improvement, and are showing a real interest in each other's welfare. Anything that has to do with fraternity life, fraternity relationships and fraternity improvements and advancement in your college ought to form an interesting part of the chapter letter. If fraternities come, as I think they will, into a higher place in our college life, it will be because they pull together, because they are willing to learn from each other, and because they are willing to recognize each other's merits. If they do down, they will go down together. What I have said of self-praise does not apply, I believe, to praise of one's neighbors, and the fraternity correspondent will have got a long way when he reaches the point of discussing inter-fraternity conditions and relations in his college and has judgment and generosity enough to recognize a rival fraternity's strong points.

An adequate judgment of the chapter's standing and worth, a personal estimate of each member's character, accomplishments and personality, some details of college activities and college customs, and an interested review of what fraternities in general are doing at the institution from which he writes are among the things which a correspondent can use to make his chapter letters more interesting and more beneficial than some of them now are.

THOMAS ARKLE CLARK,
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

THE FOUNDER IN JERUSALEM.

We are privileged to supplement the article in the September, 1915, *PALM*, with further information concerning the work of our dear Founder, Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, as the American Consul to Jerusalem. The following letters and newspaper extracts will furnish an adequate picture of the man, his activities and the regard with which he is held by those whom he serves. Some day we hope to be able to present a more comprehensive sketch of the details of the Founder's career in Jerusalem, a career that has more than justified the exalted predictions which his Fraternity made when his many excellent qualities of heart and mind received recognition by the appointment to the consulship.

[Letter to his son, Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook, former Worthy Grand Chief.]

JERUSALEM, PALESTINE, August 7, 1915.

My dear Larkin:

I duly received your letter sent through the State Department. I thank you for your kind offices in my behalf.

The censorship continues very thorough and the isolation is almost complete. We know little or nothing about the outside world. I rarely get a letter from abroad and more rarely write one. There is nothing that I can communicate. It is a time when silence is golden.

In the wonderful providence of my Heavenly Father I have been put in a position of singular responsibility, and it is indeed strange that in my older life my most important work has come to me, that beside which all else I have ever done seems comparatively insignificant. All that is best in a man's mind, heart, soul and courage has been severely tested and brought out. My duties have not only involved diplomacy, judicature, philanthropy and great personal risks, but also that for which I have thought I was the least qualified, the management of finance and practical banking, the largest banking interest of this part of the Orient being under my control and direction. At times I have had the responsibility of more gold in cash than all the banks in this section put together. My friends have been kind enough to say that my accuracy and skillfulness have been remarkable.

My health has continued remarkably good and God has fitted my back to the burden. I am at my desk daily from 8.30 A. M. to 6 P. M. with rare exception, with a short interval for dinner. For many weeks my work days counted seven. I am now trying to preserve the sanctity of Sunday.

In this connection I was riding late yesterday evening with a Turkish officer on the Mount of Olives when he asked me my age. I told him to guess. He said, "If it were not for your gray hair I should say under fifty." When I bound him to secrecy and said I will be seventy in two months, he almost fell off his horse. We were riding stallions, mine only four years old and a horse I had never been on before. He was gracious enough to compliment my dexterity on horseback.

I have received much kindness here at the hands of the people in general and the officials in particular, with whom I have managed to establish influential and close relations. The Moslems as well as Jews and Christians assure me that I am always remembered in their prayers. Certainly I do seem to have divine help and protection.

I am venturing to send you some extracts which have come to me at various times and from various sources. I realize that they are extravagant, but as they have come unsolicited I suppose I am justified in enclosing them to my children. I shall be glad if you will send them to the boys.

I hope Jane and the dear children keep well. I often think of you all, and one of these days if I am permitted to return to America I shall have much of thrilling interest to tell.

Cheered by the thought that I am on the mind and heart of children and friends, to whom I ask you to remember me most kindly, and with devoted love to your family,

Affectionately your father,
(Signed) OTIS A. GLAZEBROOK.

[Paragraph from a letter of date July 30, 1915, written by the Superintendent of the American Church at Jerusalem to the pastor of that church who is now in America.]

Doctor Glazebrook is God's man for this place. Burdened by the cares of six consulates; dealing with matters including almost every phase of our judicial system—from the petty affairs of the village justice to the gravest duties that confront the highest judiciary, and with innumerable perplexities along other lines in addition, he continues to manifest that wisdom which is from above. Yet with all the burdens resting upon him, he always has a cordial greeting for every would-be helped person who comes to add to his burdens, and each one after depositing his or her cares, goes away feeling that a *friend* has taken charge of them.

[Extract from letter from Jerusalem published in the *Alliance Weekly* of New York, July 3, 1915.]

Doctor Glazebrook, the American Consul, has afforded our missionaries every encouragement and facility in his power. He stood behind the British members of our Mission till they were expelled, and his fine diplomacy secured them a safe departure. He has been a father, a counselor like Ahithophel of old, and deserves some very extraordinary recognition from the American people and government, as well as the British, whose interests he has served with rare ability and devotion. Through it all he has held the high regard of the Turkish officials.

[Extract from the daily Hebrew paper of Jerusalem, *Hasherouth*. Written and translated by Alter Levin, Jerusalem.]

The Fourth of July, the day of American Independence, falling on Sunday, has been celebrated this year at the American Consulate on Monday with special interest. All Americans have paid their respects to their beloved Chief, His Honor Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, American Consul, Jerusalem.

It is impossible for us, while mentioning the name of Doctor Glazebrook, not to say a few words about the rare and attractive personality of the Consul. This name has become in so short a period, wonderfully popular and respected. He is a great and universal favorite. He is the kindest of men, generous, tolerant and liberal. He has a deep religious feeling manifested in sentiments which reveal the vibrations of his soul. We won't exaggerate if we say that Doctor Glazebrook's individuality reminds us of the features of a Washington and of a Franklin. Extreme ardor in doing good work, human and untiring, inspiring and cordial in social intercourse—charity, democracy, freedom, equality, justice and brotherhood, these are the unmistakable traits of Doctor Glazebrook's character, which make the finest type of an American. Immortal Emerson has been right in saying that there are men, who, by their sympathetic attraction, carry nations with them.

Doctor Glazebrook is a sincere friend of the Jews, understands their national grief and is appreciative of their glorious past and spiritual aspirations. He recognizes that the Hebrews have given prophets and saints, Israel having given much and received little in exchange. The Bible is always to be seen on the Consul's desk, his belief in the prophets being unshakable. I personally heard him speak about the Bible and how much he regrets not to be able to converse in the Holy language, with the original text of which, however, he is familiar. Not the external traits of our race, as usually seen, but the original lights and shadows of the same, the colors of the background I might say, seen through the atmosphere of history and ages, deeply interest the mind of Doctor Glazebrook. This is why he likes Israel, loves the Land and Jerusalem.

In this time of universal butchery, when Europe has become a great

hospital and a lunatic asylum, America has proved to be the careful father of Palestine through the great work of Doctor Glazebrook—we are indeed fortunate to have on the spot a man of such high quality and courage. We want our brethren in the States to know all of this, to appreciate the same fully and to express it publicly. The Consul has under most trying circumstances, opened his heart and home to all of us, affording us abundant and fearless protection. We trust that we will long have the privilege to have Doctor Glazebrook in our midst, as he has won not only the respect of the whole of Palestine, but the sympathy and influence of the national government. His Excellency Djemal Pasha, Minister of Marine and Commander of the Fourth Army, being one of his ardent admirers.

It is a great satisfaction to us to give here a few extracts of the encouraging and eloquent words of Doctor Glazebrook bearing specially upon Jerusalem: He said that the climate of the city had proved wonderfully beneficial. "I am renewing the vigor of my youth, he said, although when leaving for Jerusalem friends told me that I could not stand the climate."

"When on a recent Sabbath I visited one of your great Synagogues and took part in the impressive service, I was deeply affected by hearing myself remembered by name in the prayers of your sanctuary. Continue to pray for me, people of God. It is the greatest boon I can receive at your hands. At the same time I was greatly pleased to hear your distinguished coreligionists and our Excellent Ambassador Morgenthau, likewise remembered."

"At my earliest opportunity I will remit your homage to President Wilson, the great man of our Country, a name that is destined to go down to posterity among the brightest in the galaxy of our country's greatest Presidents. I venture to thank you for him and I assure you that President Wilson is a staunch friend of your race."

Doctor Glazebrook finally declared, "I am always ready to do for you anything in my power. Be assured, gentlemen, of my one and abiding sentiment—a sentiment that has grown more dominant with my extended knowledge of the common characteristic and common aspiration of the peoples of the earth, nowhere more conspicuously seen than among the Hebrews of the Holy City—brotherhood and love of men."

[Letter of Ephraim Cohn, agent for the American Relief Fund for Jerusalem.]

JERUSALEM, NOVEMBER 16, 1915.

Dear Consul:

In presenting you the report of the work accomplished so far by the American Relief Fund we beg to thank you most heartily in the name of the entire Jewish population for the great efforts you have made in the interest of the poor and needy. You have by your warm appeal to the American Ambassador and through him to the American public con-

tributed no little toward securing the Fund for Relief, and it is principally due to your intervention, gentle and firm at the same time, that the fund was rescued after having been nearly lost.

In asking you to transmit to the American Government and American philanthropists the assurance of sincere gratitude on behalf of the Jewish community, I beg to remain

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) EPHRAIM COHN.

[Various tributes to Doctor Glazebrook, indicating the Moslem Estimate of his service.]

The Moslems call Doctor Glazebrook the great and good Consul. They say he has the heart of a lion, the tongue of a serpent and the spirit of a dove, by which they mean in our Oriental language that he is brave and fearless in the face of danger, wise and discreet in council, modest and gentle in manner.—MAHMUD EFFENDI.

Colonel Zeki Bey, late Military Commander of Jerusalem, speaking of Doctor Glazebrook, said, "He is not only a Consul of man's appointment, but of God's—a perfect gentleman and the ideal diplomat."

The Chief of Police of Jerusalem said, "That it was due to Doctor Glazebrook's watchfulness and influence with the Governor of Jerusalem, that religious processions, at a time, when such demonstrations were fraught with great fanatical danger were prohibited."

The Grand Mufti, Moslem religious Head and the Subordinate Muftis, have great affection and reverence for Doctor Glazebrook. They frequently pray for him in the Mosque of Omar which is an unheard-of thing, this distinction and honor having never been before accorded a non-Mussulman.—GELAT.

INSTALLATION OF IOWA DELTA BETA AND CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE III.

These two events were so closely connected that it would be difficult to report one without speaking of the other and, therefore, it is considered best to cover both in one article. Following the example of Province V in combining the installation of Pennsylvania Gamma Omega and its conclave, it was decided to carry out the same procedure in Province III.

December 9th was fixed as the date for the transfiguration of the Karnak Club into the Iowa Delta Beta chapter. That old "war horse," Bill Smiley, was on the ground early in the day and assisted by Brother A. I. Mellenthin, an active alumnus of St. Paul, and Dr. E. P. Lyon, of Minneapolis, had set the stage for the initiation, the scene of action being the Karnak clubhouse.

What was termed the "Official Installation and Conclave Special" left Denver on the morning of the 8th with the Province Chief and the Colorado delegate, aboard, but by the time this "Special" reached Iowa City on the morning of the 9th there stepped off the Wyoming delegate, two from the Nebraska chapter, together with a number of active men of the Simpson and Ames chapters, as well as alumni from Des Moines, making in all a large delegation which was met by the members of the Karnak Club.

THE INSTALLATION.

The initiation of the twenty-four members of the club took up all of the day of the 9th. The men were initiated in groups of three, the various active men and alumni assuming the different official positions. An impressive feature was when, at the conclusion of each initiation, Brother Smiley gave what is known as the "Badge Speech," this being a short address used in presenting the badges to the initiates and is to be made a part of the Revised Ritual. It was very effective and added much to the initiation.

Features which added to the dignity and impressiveness of the ceremonies were a beautiful set of "knock down" paraphernalia and a full set of regulation baldrics, which the new chapter had provided. Much credit should be given this chapter for having obtained this necessary chapter paraphernalia.

During the day other active men of the Iowa Beta Alpha chapter (Simpson) had arrived and by evening all of the active men of that chapter were present. A number of active men of Iowa Gamma Upsilon (Ames) had also appeared on the scene, as well as delegates from other chapters of the province and alumni from various places in the State, so that when dinner was announced there were eighty men to be fed, which necessitated three relays to be served; and as is usual in all large families the youngest members (recent initiates of Iowa Delta Beta) waited until the "last table." After dinner an informal smoker was given by the new chapter, at which the Simpson crowd, who, by the way, are a glee club in themselves, furnished the music, assisted by Brothers Fleetwood, Rhoades and Olive, the latter of whom is the chairman of our Song Book Committee. They sang a number of songs composed by Brother Olive which have not as yet been published, but which made a big hit with the crowd. Later the entire delegation, feeling that they should not be selfish with their talent, proceeded to distribute same to the various sororities.

On the morning of December 9th the formal installation of the new chapter took place. The rooms of what had now become "The A. T. O. House" were crowded when the meeting was opened in form, the different officers of Iowa Beta Alpha acting in their various stations. The Province Chief then stated that this chapter was being installed in accordance with a permit which had been issued by the Worthy Grand Chief to him, and naming as assistants Brothers William C. Smiley, Dwight W. Wylie and David S. Kruidenier. The new officers for the chapter having been previously elected, they were instructed as to their various duties as provided in the Constitution and these officers stating they were willing to accept these duties were then duly installed, the constitutional installation oath being used.

The Province Chief then presented, on behalf of the Worthy

Grand Chief and the national organization, the charter of the Iowa Delta Beta chapter. In presenting the same he spoke of the relation of the national organization to the chapter and the duties and obligations of the chapter to the general Fraternity. Brother Ray C. Fountain, the new Worthy Master, accepted the charter on behalf of the chapter with an appropriate speech.

A message to the new chapter was read from the Worthy Chief, Nathan F. Giffin, which was greatly appreciated. Brother Drake then touched upon the character and work of the Worthy Grand Chief, stating that the message was characteristic of the man, and showing his unselfish and devoted interest to the cause of the Fraternity. Brother William N. Jordan, president of the Iowa Alumni Association, presented on behalf of the national organization to the new members their membership cards; and in doing so touched upon the tireless efforts and patience of the Karnak Club in its endeavor to obtain a charter and how, having set out with that purpose, he had never veered from its chosen course.

A motion was made at this time that a telegram of fraternal greetings be sent to Brother Howard Y. Williams, who had been the organizer of the Karnak Club and, who, in the early days of its existence, had, by his counsel and advice, assisted the club in establishing an organization with those qualities which are characteristic of our fraternity.

This concluded the formal installation program, and the meeting was closed in form.

THE CONCLAVE.

Immediately following the installation the first session of the fifth biennial conclave of Province III was called. The Province Chief stated that the power of the conclave consisted principally in the recommendation of certain matters to be considered by the next Congress, and that all discussions would be with this object in view.

The committee on credentials reported the following delegates authorized to represent their respective chapters: Iowa Beta Alpha, Earl B. Harris; Nebraska Gamma Theta, Martin B. Chit-tick; Kansas Gamma Mu, C. Willard King; Minnesota Gamma

Nu, John C. Bettridge; Missouri Gamma Rho, Wilbur H. Hutsell; Iowa Gamma Upsilon, O. C. Christiansen; Wyoming Gamma Psi, James L. Laughlin; Colorado Gamma Lambda, Wayne F. Ivers; Iowa Delta Beta, Ray W. Clearman.

A message to the conclave from the Worthy Grand Chief, Nathan F. Giffin, was read and was received with much interest and appreciation, same conveying to the delegates and others present the spirit and earnest endeavor of our chief executive to bring about these things which are for the best interests of the Fraternity. This message enthused those taking part in the conclave with a zeal to do all possible in assisting the Worthy Grand Chief to carry out his policies.

The Province Chief read his report for the two years intervening since the last conclave. The following are some of the chief matters contained therein.

A statement as to the house and lot proposition of the various chapters which showed that recently the Ames chapter had purchased a house, thus making four chapters in the province owning houses, the others being Minnesota, Missouri and Simpson. Nebraska had purchased some very desirable lots. The universal system of accounting is in effect in all chapters. The report showed that scholastic qualifications are required by all chapters before initiation. In some cases a pledge must have passed satisfactorily the first semester's work, in others the completion of the freshman year's work is required. The personal property of the chapters average \$1,500. At least two visits had been made to all chapters during the past two years and from interviews with faculty members it was apparent that the institutions are beginning to realize that much good can be brought about through co-operation with the fraternities. Since the last report 839 personal letters and thirty-nine sets of circular letters had been written besides other clerical work in connection with the office. A system of grading had been used in connection with the annual report in order to determine the relative standing of the chapters. A complete file of the PALMS beginning with the year of 1903 and a complete set of all printed Congress proceedings obtained and bound to be the property of Province III. A vertical system of filing put into effect. A Province scrap book

to contain chapter letters and matters of interest to all chapters prepared. By means of circulars a correspondence campaign among the alumni of the province to secure PALM subscriptions had been conducted. The petition of the Karnak Club at the University of Iowa had received attention and a personal investigation made, which had resulted in the installation of a chapter at the University of Iowa. All the alumni associations in the province had been visited, all of which are active and taking an interest in general fraternity matters. All chapters had been required to install sufficient and suitable fire extinguishers. The chapters, through alumni and an active man appointed for the purpose, are preparing material for chapter histories. Every chapter of the province had obtained the picture of our Founder, Otis A. Glazebrook, which had been gotten out by the New York Alumni Association. All chapters were regular subscribers to *Banta's Greek Exchange*. The chapters had been assisted in securing the missing numbers from their files of the PALM, so that all but two had complete files. One chapter has all but six and another requires three numbers. If any alumni can assist us in obtaining back numbers, the same will be appreciated.

An innovation was made in the matter of chapter reports. Prior to the time of the conclave there had been sent to the chapters a list of questions having to do with the institution, scholastic standing, athletics, student activities, finances, building propositions, annals and general matters. The questions were so worded that the information could be given in either figures or one word. These reports were set out on a chart which showed the relative comparison of each chapter in the various matters. From this chart a general discussion was held on the various subjects and the chapter delegate asked to explain the report of his chapter in various particulars. In some cases a decision of the delegates was called for as to whether or not a chapter should receive a black mark (indicating a demerit) or a red mark (indicating a credit). This system of having before the delegates the comparative data assisted in a free discussion, and the matter of giving the marks, indicating credit or demerit, aroused a certain friendly rival interest.

Papers were read by the delegates on the following subjects:

"Ways and Means of Improving Scholastic Standing," by Brother Chittick.

"Rules for the Enforcement of Prompt Payment of Chapter Debts by Active Men," by Brother Ivers.

"Advantages of a Chapter Matron," by Brother King.

"What a Chapter Should Do to Hold the Interest of Its Alumni," by Brother Harris.

"The Relation of the Upper Classmen to the Freshmen," by Brother Laughlin.

"The Attitude of a Chapter Toward Inter-Fraternity Organizations," by Brother Hutsell.

"The Relation of the Chapter to the Institution," by Brother Bettridge.

"The Relation of the Chapter to the other Fraternities," by Brother Christiansen.

"A National Organization as seen by a Local Club," by Brother Clearman.

These papers showed careful preparation and that much thought had been given to the subjects thereof.

The committee on Ways and Means made the following recommendations:

First: That the national organization adopt the "thirty-day rule" in regard to the payment of accounts and assessments by active members of all chapters.

Second: That the national organization be empowered to collect through its national officers old accounts owing to the chapter by alumni.

Third: That the national organization levy a tax at the time of a man's initiation sufficient to cover a "life subscription" to the PALM, hoping in such a manner to stimulate alumni interest in the Fraternity.

Fourth: That the matter of chapter matrons be brought to the attention of the next Congress for discussion.

This report was adopted.

Telegrams were sent to the Worthy Grand Chief, Nathan F. Giffin, and to the Chairman of the High Council, Paul R. Hickok.

The invitation of the Missouri Gamma Rho chapter to hold the

next conclave at Columbia, Missouri, was accepted. This concluded the business sessions of the conclave.

This party was given by the new chapter, Iowa Delta Beta, on December 10th. Company A Armory was elaborately decorated, the color scheme being that of the Fraternity colors and the entire walls being covered with panels of blue and gold. Lattice and ornamental woodwork had been constructed around the room; painted white and covered with southern smilax, making a garden effect. In back of this pergola and screen-like woodwork small tables were placed where supper was served during the evening. In one end of the room was displayed an electrical design of the coat-of-arms, under which played a fountain of Venetian design. The whole arrangement was most artistic. Quantities of white tea roses were in evidence, as prior to the dance each lady had been sent a corsage bouquet of the same. The music, programs and supper were of the very best, as no expense had been spared to add to the pleasure of the evening.

The receiving line was composed of the Worthy Master of the new chapter, together with the Province Chief, local alumni and representatives of the faculty. About two hundred and fifty people were present, which number included representatives from all the other fraternities having chapters at the university.

On Saturday evening, December 11th, at the Jefferson Hotel, Iowa Beta Alpha and Iowa Gamma Upsilon chapters were joint hosts at the conclave banquet. Following a most elaborate menu were the following toasts: Toastmaster, Hon. George B. Drake; "Machree A. T. O.," Dr. W. D. Wylie, Ohio Beta Mu; "The Graduate A. T. O.," D. S. Kruidenier, Secretary Iowa Alumni Association; "News from the East Front," W. Russell Jordan, Illinois Gamma Xi; "Baby Talk," Ray C. Fountain, Iowa Delta Beta; "The Value of the Alumni to the Chapter," W. N. Jordan, President Iowa Alumni Association.

This most enjoyable banquet concluded three days of eventful history for Province III, during which time a new chapter had been added to our national organization, and a most successful conclave had been held, and it was with reluctance that each one said good-bye to brothers they had known before and to brothers with whom they had but recently become acquainted, but whom they hoped to meet again.

G. B. D.

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The first general assembly of the State of Iowa, on February 25, 1847, passed an act establishing and locating at Iowa City a State university with the proceeds of lands set apart for the purpose by Congress during the territorial existence of the Commonwealth. The capitol building, and the land upon which it stood, were donated to the university in view of the contemplated removal of the seat of government from Iowa City. The institution was opened in March, 1855, the normal department being the only one in operation until the law department was organized in 1868. Since that time the university has grown until it now includes ten colleges, those of Liberal Arts, Medicine, Homeopathic Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Applied Science, Fine Arts, Education and the Graduate College. In addition there are five schools, those of Commerce, Music, Summer School and two schools for nurses. An extension division is also maintained.

The university at present occupies upward of thirty buildings situated on a campus of more than fifty acres near the center of Iowa City. These buildings are grouped around the historic Old Capitol campus, which is connected with the medical quadrangle and hospital campus on the east, the law campus on the north, the engineering campus on the south and the athletic and military grounds on the west. The general plan of the campus and buildings has been intrusted to capable architects and landscape gardeners, and systematic arrangement is being followed. The Iowa River has been dammed just below the university grounds, providing a water-front for the enlarged campus and good facilities for aquatic sports. The majority of the buildings are new and their number is increasing constantly in harmony with the growth of the institution. The Italian Renaissance style of architecture has been adopted.

The income from the invested funds and lands originally given by the United States is received by the university, and successive general assemblies have enlarged the general support funds of the university by permanent appropriations. These appropriations

approximated a million dollars last year. In addition to this a building tax of one-fifth of a mill is levied annually, amounting to about \$200,000 in 1915. The total value of the plant, including real estate, buildings, equipment and supplies, is at present over four million dollars.

The total attendance for 1915-16 is about 3,300, an increase of nearly ten per cent. over that of the preceding year. A steady growth of about this amount has been maintained for a number of years, and all indications point to still further enlargement. These students are instructed by a faculty of 300 members.

The first Greek-letter society came to Iowa in 1866, when Beta Theta Pi established a chapter here. At the present time thirteen national academic fraternities are represented, namely, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Acacia, Delta Chi, Theta Xi and Phi Kappa. Ten professional fraternities have chapters, namely, Phi Alpha Gamma, Phi Rho Sigma, Phi Beta Pi, Nu Sigma Nu, Phi Alpha Delta, Psi Omega, Xi Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Delta, Phi Delta Chi and Phi Delta Phi. There are two local organizations, Phi Zeta Epsilon and Cosmos Club. The membership in these fraternities includes about thirty per cent. of the male student body.

Nine national sororities maintain chapters, namely, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Zeta and Achoth. Twenty-five per cent. of the women of the university are members in these organizations.

The relations between the fraternities and the college authorities are very cordial. The college sends biweekly reports as to scholarship to the academic and local fraternities. The college authorities stand ready to do anything which will aid the fraternities. The authorities and professors are largely fraternity men. The Inter-Fraternity Conference is composed of all national and local men's fraternities. Its object is to create a better union between the university and the fraternities. A Pan-Hellenic Council composed of eight national academic fraternities also exists.

The university is a member of the Big Nine Western Athletic Conference, and also maintains athletic relations with the better State and Missouri Valley schools.

RAY C. FOUNTAIN,

Iowa Delta Beta.

THE KARNAK CLUB.

The State University of Iowa was particularly fortunate in the years of 1912-13 to have connected with its institution several loyal Alpha Taus, more especially D. W. Wylie, of Beta Mu, and Howard Y. Williams, of Gamma Nu. These men, realizing the opportunity there was at this institution for a chapter of their fraternity, made it known that it was their desire to have a chapter here. Howard Y. Williams, being secretary of the university Y. M. C. A., made it known that the right kind of an organization would be strongly backed by the Alpha Taus of this city and vicinity. As a result, several clubs soon sprang into existence, only to vanish as rapidly as they had come. However, from these groups there were a few men who had a sincere desire to make more of their school life, and to become affiliated with a noble brotherhood. Accordingly, on the 6th of June, 1913, five undergraduate students of the State University of Iowa, before separating for a summer's vacation, entered into an agreement for organization into a club, whose purpose was "to give mutual benefit in the way of good-fellowship, high scholastic attainments and higher standards for our college." These five men were Anders V. Mather, Ray C. Fountain, Victor H. Tyler, Frank R. Menagh and Norvin E. Smith. And thus the Karnak Club was born in the office of the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., not only for the selfish benefit of the men themselves, but also to bring to the State University of Iowa, if possible, a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.

Returning in the fall of 1913, these five men secured a small fraternity house and began the struggle of building up a strong organization. By their continuous and unified efforts, the organization had increased to a membership of fourteen on January 1, 1914. This house being too small, and the landlady failing to fulfill her agreements with regard to board, the club moved into an old brick residence for the remainder of the year. At the

close of the year twenty-two members were enrolled, namely, Frank R. Menagh, John W. Brooks, Ralph Eyre, Anders V. Mather, Ray C. Fountain, Victor H. Tyler, Norvin E. Smith, Lyle C. Wilson, Donald D. Reynolds, George R. Ludeman, J. Dale Rogers, Carl A. Trexel, Harry B. Swan, Halford T. Barry, Frank A. Wahlgren, Atwell L. Talley, Harry G. Chesebro, Ray W. Clearman, Thomas E. Martin, Ernest N. Roberts, Lewis L. Leighton and Walter H. Paule.

A conference of A. T. O.'s was held in Iowa City, in one of the rooms of the Karnak House, in the spring of 1914. Those present were W. N. Jordan, D. S. Kruidenier and Doctor Kirby, of the Des Moines alumni; DeBolt, of Wisconsin; Grant C. Caywood and H. C. Hostetter, of Ames; S. W. Finger, of Mt. Vernon, and Doctor Wylie and Howard Y. Williams, of Iowa City. The conference discussed a report on the club which had been gathered by Mr. DeBolt, of Wisconsin, from questioning the members, and also inquiries made of various fraternity men and faculty men here. It was the opinion of those present that the Karnak Club at that time was not ready to petition, because of lack of sufficient permanent organization, and, to be brief, because of a then present state of general unpreparedness. Representatives of the club were accordingly called in, and advised to postpone the idea of attempting an immediate petition. The Karnak Club was host at an informal banquet at the Hotel Jefferson during the visit of these men.

In the spring of 1914 the club began an investigation for a more suitable home, and was particularly fortunate in being able to lease a large sixteen-room house, for four years, at an annual rental of \$1,000, the house for five years previous having housed the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Having a house upon their hands, the club was confronted with the serious problem of furnishing it for the following year. The plan finally decided upon was to make a cash assessment on all the members during the summer. By this method some \$900 was secured which was used to furnish the Karnak House, so that the Karnak Club, from the day of its founding, did not have a debt, outside of current expenses, to cast a burden on its progress.

Opening the school year of 1914-15 with fourteen old members

back, the club entered upon what proved to be a banner year. During the year seven men were taken into membership. They were Harold A. Clearman, Dudley G. Douglass, LeRoy W. Lundahl, Billy F. Ritchie, Russell W. Lemley, Glenn R. Hill and Frantz C. Conrad. The club was particularly well represented in the various activities of the university, a most noteworthy fact being that it had four class presidents, namely, freshman, sophomore and junior presidents in the College of Liberal Arts, and senior president in the College of Engineering. Commencement of this year took from it only three men, leaving a strong line-up for the beginning of a new year.

On May 2d and 3d George B. Drake, Chief of Province III, made a trip of inspection to Iowa City, at which time he visited the Karnak Club, interviewed various faculty men, and made inquiry of other fraternity men and residents of Iowa City, as to the local standing of the club. He also gave suggestions and advice to the club as to the manner in which it should proceed toward the end which it had in view.

The club was also benefited by visits from active men of the Simpson and Ames chapters and also alumni from Des Moines and other parts of the State.

Of the nine Karnaks who have graduated from the university, one was a Phi Beta Kappa; three were Sigma Xis, two of these also being members of Tau Beta Pi; one was a Phi Delta Phi; five were members of varsity athletic teams. In addition, the activities of these men embraced everything worth while in the life of the university.

One member, a student of ancient art, suggested that the temple of Karnak be adopted as the foundation for the work and symbols. As a result, the name of Karnak was adopted; to correspond with the Egyptian idea, the badge was made in the shape of the Egyptian mummy coffin, upon which was a raised reproduction of the Karnak Arch, below which appeared a Phoenecian "K."

The coat-of-arms was in the shape of a shield, in the center of which was a Maltese Cross, with the perpendicular arms shortened. From the top of the shield, five blue stripes, to represent the founders, ran through a white background to the cross. Below

the cross there were five gold diamonds on a white background. This likewise symbolized the five founders. The abbreviated cross symbolized our position, in relation to the goal of our ambition.

The colors of the club were blue and white.

On the afternoon of October 21, 1915, the Karnak House was the scene of much rejoicing, as the contents of a telegram from Province Chief Drake was read and re-read, announcing the success of the petition of the club. The club had twenty-five men, who anxiously awaited at the portals of Alpha Tau Omega, and ten men under pledge, who longed to follow in their footsteps.

On December 9 and 10, 1915, the Karnak Club disappeared and its history closed, but from its foundation arose a larger and stronger organization, Iowa Delta Beta of Alpha Tau Omega.

RAY C. FOUNTAIN.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF OREGON ALPHA SIGMA.

On January 8, 1916, the Ahneek Club at the Oregon Agricultural College was installed into Alpha Tau Omega and thus brought to life again the Oregon Alpha Sigma chapter which is now in name our oldest chapter west of the Mississippi River, and this also directs our attention to the fact that our Fraternity was the first to enter the great Northwest.

It is stating it mildly to say that every visiting Alpha Tau at the installation went away bubbling over with enthusiasm after they had met such a promising bunch of young men and had been entertained far beyond any expectation. They met a crowd of earnest young men who seemed to be already possessed with the high ideals of our Fraternity and whose hospitality was above reproach.

On account of Corvallis, Oregon, being in the extreme far West, it may be interesting to note that the installation was witnessed by one or more alumni members from each of the following chapters in our Fraternity: Minnesota Gamma Nu, Illinois Gamma Xi, Washington Gamma Pi, Washington Gamma Chi, Oregon Gamma Phi, Oregon Alpha Sigma, Alabama Beta Beta, Iowa Beta Alpha, Iowa Gamma Upsilon, Pennsylvania Alpha Iota and Ohio Gamma Kappa.

By re-establishing this chapter in Oregon, Province IX now has two active chapters in each of the Pacific Coast states which adds, what has seemed, a missing link in a double chain binding the three states together.

Only those of us who have had the opportunity to visit the college and meet the new members can predict what the future of this chapter will be. If it continues to go onward and forward in accordance with the ability of its members and they grasp the opportunities that are in store for them, the chapter will always be one that our Fraternity may well be proud of.

Continued co-operation, loyalty and an undying effort on the part of each and every member to improve and raise the standard of his chapter is the key to success and this I believe to be the present earnest desire of every member in Oregon Alpha Sigma. It is with no little pride that the Chief of Province IX presents to the other chapters of our Fraternity this new member. We know that this chapter is fortunate in receiving a charter, but at the same time we are to be congratulated on having acquired such desirable, deserving and worthy brothers.

The formal ceremonies of the installation were opened by the Province Chief, Lewie Williams, at noon of January 8, 1916, at the new chapter house. The following members were present: Washington Gamma Pi, Lewie Williams, Russell B. Horton, Page R. Boyles, W. E. Schiffer, E. V. Vachon; Oregon Gamma Phi, Walter J. Kirk, Charles R. Nelson, K. R. Wilson, L. A. Potter, Walter E. White, Ernest W. Bills, Cleve Simpkins, W. J. Montgomery, J. E. Nail, Donald G. Onthank, Chester Huggins, Roy Couch, L. Blackaby; Minnesota Gamma Nu, H. M. Francis; Illinois Gamma Xi, G. G. Schmitt; Alabama Beta Beta, F. S. McCord; Iowa Beta Alpha, John J. Handbury; Iowa Gamma Upsilon, R. E. Edgecomb; Washington Gamma Chi, James O. Blair; Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, R. R. Rudolph; Ohio Gamma Kappa, E. J. Stewart.

There was also present W. Y. Masters, who was one of the charter members of the original chapter of Oregon Alpha Sigma instituted on April 1, 1882, by William H. Lamar, now an assistant attorney general of the United States.

The initiation ceremonies were conducted by a team selected from the members of Oregon Gamma Phi who officiated in a most impressive manner. Twenty-four members were thus introduced to the mysteries of the Fraternity.

After the initiation ceremonies the Province Chief installed the officers elected by the chapter, presented the charter, and the formal business of re-establishing the chapter came to an end.

LEWIE WILLIAMS.

OREGON AND THE AHNEEK CLUB.

The Oregon Agricultural College is today one of the leading institutions of the Northwest and indeed one of the leading institutions of its kind in the country. Yet it had its origin in small beginnings. Founded in 1865, by the Methodist Episcopal Church, it made little progress and attracted few students, though its work was most efficient and commendable. After the enactment of the famous Morrill bill by Congress in 1862, the State of Oregon commenced to consider the matter of disposing of the ninety thousand acres of land which it thereby received for the purpose of establishing an agricultural college. There were no state colleges in Oregon and the legislature did not then deem it wise to establish one. Finally, in 1868, the problem was very satisfactorily solved by giving the struggling little institution in Benton County, then known as Corvallis College, the interest on the funds derived from the sale of the lands. Corvallis College began then to take itself seriously, and although not even then a state institution, it commenced to attract attention and gradually gain prestige and patronage.

About 1885 the denominational authorities voluntarily relinquished all control of and claim to the institution and in that year the State assumed the entire control and management. By an act of the legislature it was made the state agricultural college and from that date is traced the history of the Oregon Agricultural College by which name it was then called.

The institution has made rapid strides. In thirty years the campus of thirty-five acres has increased to one of three hundred and forty acres and around the original administration building are clustered some thirty-five or forty. The student enrollment of some ninety-odd has increased to approximately forty-five hundred who come from every county of Oregon, thirty-nine states and thirteen foreign countries. The faculty of five has been supplanted by one of two hundred and its chairs are held by

men who are recognized the world over as authorities in their several subjects. Truly, Oregon has done exceedingly well.

Though naturally an agricultural college, primarily it does not confine its courses of instruction to the mere technicalities of that science. Agriculture, forestry, home building are, of course, the main courses of the intellectual feast provided by it, but engineering, mining, commerce, pharmacy, the arts, the classics—indeed, all the elements of a sound and liberal education are given due attention. Oregon is not endeavoring to make farmers only. Such as she does make go out into life with a practical education in their chosen profession, together with the general all-round training, the development of mind and body that always accompany a good general college course. To the man or woman who does not expect to engage in agriculture, Oregon offers courses of instruction that will fit him or her for almost any vocation of life.

In this congenial soil the Ahneek Club sprouted into life during the spring of 1910. A small house, just large enough for the four young men who constituted the charter roll, was secured, which in the following year was given up for a house accommodating twenty men. By 1914 they had moved into a finely situated, adequately equipped new house, had a membership of twenty-four men and had taken a leading position in the work and student life of the institution.

The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity had had a chapter at the institution in 1882, but it soon succumbed to the cruel isolation that separated it by over two thousand miles from the nearest chapter. But in years that have come and gone since then the Fraternity had planted its banners right around Corvallis, and it was entirely natural that the Ahneek Club, seeking a national charter, should apply to the Fraternity that was the first to enter the Corvallis institution. It is to be regretted that Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma should have established chapters at Oregon before our slow-moving machinery could grant a revived charter to the Ahneek Club, but there are compensations even in that—it is good to have our next chapter commence life with such congenial neighbors.

ALPHA

INSTALLATION OF INDIANA DELTA BETA.

The Emanon Club of the University of Indiana became Delta Alpha of Alpha Tau Omega on December 4, 1915.

This "local" had maintained a reputable life for a period of twelve years. They numbered among their members a very creditable list of prominent graduates.

Our method of careful investigation does not permit of an application being presented to the Fraternity unless it is worthy of receiving an affirmative vote. The university authorities give us every opportunity to investigate the school and applicant club. The school understands fraternities and uses them as a means to the largest and best end in undergraduate life.

The installation of a new chapter is perhaps the one big thrill in fraternity experience. Membership in this chapter means the molding of the lives of many men. The chapters of Gamma Xi, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Gamma and Gamma Zeta sent men to assist in the installation. All expressed approval of the new chapter.

Through the generous consent of Worthy Grand Chief Giffin, Brother Smiley was allowed to come to Bloomington to give instructions in the secret work. The initiations had been especially pleasing and this impressive lecture by our beloved "Uncle Bill" was just what was needed to complete the whole.

Delta Alpha has a good friend in Brother Cogshall (Michigan Beta Omicron), who teaches astronomy at the University of Indiana. He was good enough to act as our toastmaster at the banquet which closed two days of rich fraternity experience.

Province II is happy to present this, the tenth chapter, to our brothers in Alpha Tau Omega.

FRANK R. BOTT.

INDIANA AND EMANON.

The Hoosier has had to stand for a good deal of good-natured banter ever since he became a real national figure, but not once has he yet had the hardihood to suggest, seriously or otherwise, that he neglects the important business of educating his children. Indeed, he has always been terribly in earnest about schools and educational facilities and has never ceased in his efforts to provide the best that money and energy will secure. When he framed his very first constitution he was careful to make specific and adequate provision for a system of schools, under the control and management of the State, commencing with the township schools and culminating with a state university. This was in 1816—a time when some of the older states were still classifying schoolhouses and almshouses in the same category and providing education and bread to one class only—the paupers.

In May, 1824, ten young fellows assembled at Bloomington, Indiana, and they constituted the Seminary, as it was then called. By 1828, it had become sufficiently equipped as to deserve the dignified title of "college" and ten years later Indiana College became Indiana University. The institution at Bloomington is still called *the* University, although, as a matter of fact, the Hoosier has provided himself with two state institutions and both of them a credit to any people. Purdue University at Lafayette is likewise a state university, supported by the State, and there instruction is afforded in agriculture and the technical branches of education. The university at Bloomington offers the usual courses of a modern college of liberal arts, and maintains excellent schools of law, medicine and journalism, to say nothing of the school of pedagogy.

At Bloomington a faculty of two hundred and fifty instruct approximately three thousand men and women. The buildings and equipment are unsurpassed by any institution of its age and size in America. The State taxes its citizens for the support of

the university and last year appropriated not less than \$600,000 for its maintenance. It goes without the saying that Indiana University has well merited the continued support of its progressive constituency and that its present eminence presages a glorious future for the Hoosier institution.

The Emanon Club is a typical Hoosier aggregation. In no other state hardly could one expect to find a local Greek fraternity, only a few years old, comparatively speaking, owning a fine, well-built, commodious and adequately furnished chapter house. Yet that is precisely what Alpha Tau Omega found in its new Indiana Delta Alpha chapter and by that token added at least \$15,000 to the total valuation of the houses now owned by Alpha Tau chapters. However, if the Emanon Club had possessed nothing except a chapter house it would still be minus an Alpha Tau Omega charter. Founded in 1901 it had fifteen years of history to recommend it, a history replete with splendid devotion to high ideals, crowned by a most enviable reputation among the students and faculty. For instance: There are, and have been, nine other national fraternities at Indiana, yet last year the Emanon Club was third in standing in scholarship.

The Emanon Club is a notable addition to our chapter roll and its past gives rich promise of a most useful future.

THE PROVINCE CONCLAVES.

TENTH CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE II.

"Three things are necessary for success," said Cardinal Richelieu. "Audacity, then audacity—and more audacity." The spirit of Gamma Tau could be classified as "noble discontent." The chapter was installed in 1907 after a keen struggle on the part of the applicant body. The spirit of the founders has lasted through these nine years.

One of the early ambitions has been realized in the completion of their chapter house which they moved into the beginning of this present school year. As usual the task was performed by a few loyal men. They are modest fellows, but one can hear of their accomplishments when one visits the chapter. Another attribute of the active men is appreciation of these well performed deeds.

The tenth conclave of Province II was held at Gamma Tau on February 25th and 26th. The conclave had been an annual affair. In the future it will be held biennially.

We could not find any "crying needs" or "burning shames" to offer for legislation. Through the kindly assistance of Brother Drake, a chart was prepared showing the activity of the different chapters. The conclave is a success if the delegates can be inspired to tell all about the chapter and school. Our talk-fest was a rare treat of enthusiasm. The chapters have certain general fraternity problems in common. These were shown in the comparative manner with the use of this chart.

An enjoyable diversion of the conclave was a basketball game on Friday between Purdue and Wisconsin, with a smoker later at the chapter house. The banquet on Saturday evening was given in the dining room of the new house. Brother Baker, of Gamma Tau, presided. The gist of the speeches was serious. The word "Fraternity" has a new meaning in this time of world-

wide wars. Alpha Tau Omega came into being at the close of a war. Are we living up to the teachings of its Founders? Could we demonstrate that the principles we stand for have made us ready for another strife? Is there some force bent on destroying this modern structure of Unionism? "The strength of the Wolf is the Pack—the strength of the pack is the Wolf."

FRANK R. BOTT.



TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE VII.

Last year, in spite of all efforts put forth, the PALM was unable to secure a report of the conclave of that province. Those who know the PALM man will appreciate how sorely his soul was tried by this omission and will not be surprised that this year he went in person to Cleveland, Ohio, so that the readers of the Fraternity's magazine might be assured of a fairly adequate report of the twenty-sixth annual conclave of Province VII. He secured the report and incidentally enjoyed one of the most delightful experiences he has ever had since the PALM has been his responsibility.

The conclave opened with an informal business meeting at the Ohio Gamma Kappa chapter house on Friday, March 10th, followed with the conclave ball at the Colonial Club, and a business session in the morning. These features we did not attend and therefore our testimony concerning them would be rank hearsay. But from sources known to be absolutely reliable we are able to state beyond the peradventure of a doubt that all these events were in every respect successful. The ball was apparently successful, especially so without in any wise interfering with the more serious side of the conclave, to wit, the business session of Saturday morning, at which the reports of the chapters were received.

At this point of the program the Worthy Grand Chief and the PALM man came upon the scene of action. They joined the conclave at a hearty informal lunch at the Hofbrau Restaurant attended by some ninety alumni and active men and were conducted to the home of the Western Reserve chapter, where a smoker was the event of the afternoon. Here we were privileged

to meet and know the flower of Ohio's college men and an afternoon of pleasant events passed all too quickly.

Nothing that Mark Twain ever wrote has anything on the choice tidbits of humor contained in the chapter's scrap book—"the dream book" as it is called—and few tales are better than that told of the trip three Gamma Kappa men made to Europe on a twenty-five cent piece.

That evening a hundred and more active and alumni men sat down to a dinner at the famous Statler. A menu composed of the best the hotel can offer was enjoyed amid a most vociferous exhibition of Fraternity spirit. An Ohioan named Small, who was not that in any respect except in name, lead the cheering and the singing and pretty nearly everything else that tended to make the occasion lively and spirited. (Small must be induced to attend the St. Louis Congress and help "Shorty" Hooper and little Gannon to inject spirit into our meetings.) Province Chief J. Paul Thompson presided as toastmaster with unexcelled grace and dignity. Our Ohio chief's infinite capacity has secured for him the respect and admiration of the whole Fraternity and the perfect arrangement of every detail of the conclave evidences the extent to which he is entitled to the many encomiums one hears of him. The delegates to the conclave were given the right of way in the post-prandial exercises and better speeches never came from the lips of undergraduates. Blaine Bowman, a Mount Union man, spoke on "Shrapnel" and made a perfect bull's-eye, while J. V. Cory, a young Wittenberg boy, who modestly acknowledged that he was "some regular bumpkins in the after-dinner game," proved it by a speech at once clever and effective. "Lest We Forget" was the subject to which B. H. Vogler, of Ohio Wesleyan, addressed himself and his response though short was exceedingly thoughtful. E. D. Brooks, of Ohio State, spoke of "A Fraternity Man," who, according to the speaker, should be an optimist of a kind differing from a very apt story which brought down the house. M. B. Gessaman, of the Western Reserve chapter, told of "Our Fraternity and Our Duty" and gave some timely advice.

Following the undergraduates the older men were permitted to shine if they could. James B. Ruhl, our Cleveland member of

the High Council, made an eloquent address, filled to overflowing with beautiful tributes to the Fraternity and containing much sound advice. His effort and his charming, wholesome winning smile—there isn't another happy smile like it in all Alpha Tau Omega—secured salvos of unrestrained applause. The PALM man followed with a speech about his visit to Thorncliffe, the home of Joseph R. Anderson, and when the speaker told of "Joe's" great achievements the conclave cheered the "Second" Founder in a manner that surely must have echoed all the way down to the River James and woke up the old war horse of Alpha Tau Omega from his midnight slumbers. The Worthy Grand Chief, Nathan F. Giffin, was down on the printed card to respond to "A Bachelor's Dream," but for some unknown reason, possibly because that dream is almost over, he directed none of his remarks to that subject, but instead delivered a mightily eloquent speech upon interesting Fraternity topics. Among other things he told the story of Mrs. Rachel F. Baker, who lived as a girl in Lexington, Virginia, at the time when the Fraternity was founded there, and knew intimately Glazebrook, Marshall, Anderson, Letcher, Dinwiddie and the others of that splendid roll of illustrious men who comprised our first chapter. The speaker then displayed the large A. T. O. flag just presented to the general Fraternity by Mrs. Baker and a hundred frenzied men stood up and gave a deafening cheer for her and the speaker. Truly, it was an inspiring moment that is beyond our powers to translate into type and paper. Following these regular toasts, O. W. Carpenter, Lamar T. Beman, Dr. M. J. Lichty, of the Cleveland alumni, and B. F. Finney, of Tennessee Omega, who happened to be at the Hotel Statler, and hearing of the banquet, dropped in to enjoy it, and Lewis B. Foote regaled the company with choice impromptu toasts. And then with a mighty "Ruh! Rah! Rega!" the conclave was declared adjourned.

It was not all over, however, for the Worthy Grand Chief and his Fidus Achates. For the next day, Province Chief Thompson entertained us with an automobile ride about Cleveland and its environs and a dinner at his home that reflected abundant credit upon the charming young lady who bears the Thompson name and is said to be the real chief of the Ohio province. A short

stay at the chapter house on our way to the station enabled us to enjoy one of the best features of the conclave—"Bubbles" Waite's great speech to the jury, a classic worth going miles to hear, and also to say farewell to the fine young fellows, the memory of whom will linger with us for many a day.

And this is the report we traveled fifteen hundred miles to get. Of course, it is none too good—a better one could have been secured by mail, no doubt, but it tells the story of a weary editor's surcease from labor and of some features of a conclave that was truly worth while. It was successful and—oh, yes, momentarily, we forgot to say that good, loyal, faithful "Stogie" Guy Allott was there and—naturally it was successful.



FOURTH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE VIII.

The fourth biennial conclave of Province VIII of Alpha Tau Omega was held at Lexington, Kentucky, November 25 and 26, 1915, Kentucky Mu Iota being the hosts. There were about forty brothers present from the Tennessee and Kentucky chapters, including one official representative each from Tennessee Alpha Tau, Tennessee Beta Pi, Tennessee Pi, Kentucky Mu Iota; the representatives from Tennessee Omega and Tennessee Beta Tau failing to be present at the conclave.

The first business session of the conclave was formally called to order by Province Chief John T. Gray, at 11 A. M., Thursday, November 25th. This was the first conclave for our new Province Chief to preside over; but regardless of this fact he proved to be the greatest Alpha Tau worker we have ever met, and his deep interest for Alpha Tau Omega and Province VIII soon had its affect on all the brothers present.

The reports of each chapter were heard during the first business session and every one showed marked progress in the chapters since the third biennial conclave. Special attention must be made of the report of Tennessee Beta Pi and Kentucky Mu Iota. The report of Beta Pi was given by Y. D. Moore and his interest in Alpha Tau Omega was portrayed by the able report he made of his chapter. Kentucky Mu Iota was represented by Tom C. Taylor and his report of Mu Iota will be remembered for a long

time to come. The report of Tennessee Beta Tau was mailed to the conclave and the activity of that chapter is very good. Tennessee Alpha Tau had an excellent report through their delegate, S. J. Venable. These reports show that Province VIII is rapidly growing stronger, and there is no doubt that under the able leadership of our new Province Chief our province will be made appreciably stronger. Brother Gray gave each chapter many valuable suggestions as to the manner of carrying on details, alumni relationship, finance and promptness in our relation with the Fraternity. He urged the adoption of the new accounting system by each chapter; advised that letters be written to the alumni at least once a year, and advocated high scholarship so that there could be no possible criticism as to the principles and ideals of the college fraternity. The keynote of the conclave was to make the chapters of Province VIII above any possible criticism, and if this could be the keynote of every fraternity meeting, there could be no possible cause for any anti-fraternity sentiment.

The second business session was formally called to order Friday, November 26, 1915, at 10 A. M. This session was spent in discussing the affairs of Province VIII, and the meeting was thrown open for any suggestions for the betterment of the chapters and province, and, in general, Alpha Tau Omega.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee was heard and discussed and the following recommendations were accepted by the conclave for the good of Province VIII and Alpha Tau Omega:

First: That Province VIII provide for a tax for future conclaves, 50 per cent. of which shall come from the chapter as host and 50 per cent. be levied as an equalization tax on the remaining chapters.

Second: That Province VIII abolish alcoholic beverages from any of their functions.

Third: That all of our pledges pass an examination on the history of the Fraternity before initiation.

Fourth: We recommend that the general Fraternity furnish each chapter with a large seal of the Fraternity to be used in the secret work.

Fifth: That every chapter conduct itself so there can be no possible criticism against it or the Fraternity, and that every

chapter cultivate the friendship of faculty and non-fraternity men.

Sixth: That the minutes of this conclave be sent to every chapter in Province VIII and to the Grand Officers.

Seventh: That the PALM be given a full account of the proceedings of the conclave.

Eighth: That the meeting time of conclave for Province VIII be set at a more opportune date.

Many beneficial discussions took place in the good of the order during the conclave.

On Thursday afternoon the annual Thanksgiving football game between Tennessee and Kentucky took place and although Kentucky won by a small score, it does not show that the Alpha Taus from Tennessee were lost sight of; for Brother May, Tennessee's quarterback, played an excellent game and was the backbone of the Tennessee team. However, his odds were too great and he had to fall before the two A. T. O.'s on the Kentucky team, Kinne at quarter and end and Thompson at right tackle.

A "get-together" party was enjoyed by some thirty brothers at the Phoenix Hotel on Thanksgiving night and songs and cheers of Alpha Tau Omega were ever in evidence until the early hours.

The conclave ended with a dance at the Phoenix on Friday night, and a dance that will not be forgotten soon, it was. It is not for us to tell of its success, but from the expressions of some fifty young ladies we must believe that the attempt was not a complete failure.

With quite a few heartaches at saying good-bye, but remembering that the ties of fraternal friendship remain ever in mind, although separated, the visiting brothers left fair Lexington with the fond memories of many good times to meet again with Tennessee Alpha Tau after two more years have passed.

And now as if it were only a dream of a few moments ago, we see the Maltese Cross of Alpha Tau Omega borne on to see many more such conclaves, and as that cross lies there so still over so many hearts it ever brings back memories of past college days and friendships, and points ever forward to the blue of eternal love and to the golden sunset of many conclaves.

PHIL H. PORTER.

FRATERNALISM AND DEMOCRACY.

As an organization we are disturbed. This disturbance, conceived by its own fallacies, born of its own discontent, and offering no panacea but a further application of itself, is now exercising itself through some mistaken ideas of democracy. Democracy has become the shield of the unsatisfied constituency who justify their undesirable state by acclaiming that those more fortunate have become so by disregarding democracy's principles. It has become easy to lay any unrest on democracy, for when one says a thing or organization is undemocratic the statement is not concrete enough to be directly challenged, and it is so convenient for one to comfort one's self by denouncing a few advanced persons as destroyers of democracy, because it satisfies most men's sense of dissatisfaction with their own condition. Democracy has become to mean something different to every class of people. It has grown rank; progress is retarded; authority disregarded; and a confused, discontented state of affairs exists.

Assumptions based on democracy are crude and illogical. Because every man's vote is counted equal the laboring class have assumed the earning capacity of every man is equal. Because a few have taken time from the arduous stress of living to remind a fast forgetting nation of its seemingly lost brotherhood and to redeem it those who did not see the importance of such a redemption at the time when it began now clamor in their discontent when seeing some others enjoy the privileges that come in the union of a few for a common aim, namely, the preservice of the brotherly feeling among the human race. Because all are not sharers in such organizations the unwarranted assumption follows that the organizations are destroying democracy.

The premise of the enemies of the Greek-letter fraternities who accuse them of possessing a clanish spirit hostile to the democracy which characterizes this nation is that all men belong

to one common brotherhood. And because a few have partially isolated themselves to exemplify a true type of brotherhood, thereby limiting their membership to their own choosing, and hence all not sharers of its privileges, the whole system becomes undemocratic. But we shall see that such isolation was necessary to regenerate and maintain that spirit which democracy was losing, and such a loss would inevitably result in the absolute decadence of democracy itself; but now since that spirit has been regenerated and become recognized those who have saved the spirit are branded as destroyers of democracy even when they restored its own lifeblood! Such a paradox!

Democracy has caused people to synthesize falsely. On the statement that all men are equal in the sight of the law they have built equality in almost every phase of life. On the fact that one man's vote counts as well as any other's they have built social equality without condition. Such synthetic results will not lead back to the true beginning when searchingly analyzed. Taking their own premise I think that the matter can be convincingly discussed. All men are members of one common brotherhood—a denial or affirmation would be equally hypothetical, for neither can be proved. But still the statement is considered true in the sense that all men are made by the same Maker and each possesses a soul which is the indispensable distinguishing mark of the human being. In addition to this it has been considered, and rightly so, a very high ideal to advocate the idea of the common brotherhood. Nothing could deserve more commendation than efforts to excite universal altruism resulting in the union of all men working not against one another, but in harmony for a common purpose. But only a cursory look at the world today is sufficient to typify men's actions during every age, and to furnish such crucial proof of their disregard of the common brotherhood. Looking back at our own country's division we find how oblivious men were to such an ideal. The question, "Who is my neighbor?" was supplanted by "Who is my brother?" No one knew. None tried to know. All were becoming individualized and barriers of selfishness were the inevitable results of such distinct oneness. And from such conditions there arose a profound and stirring consciousness to a few that such a brotherhood was fast passing out

of the mind of a nation, and that the only way to perpetuate the ideal, and to save the incalculable loss of the deep realization of other's needs was to exemplify tried principles through the organization of a small number.

The philosophy of democracy finds no fault in our find of fraternalism. Morally we cannot be wrong, for we do not encroach on the rights of others. But morally we are being ill treated, for others interfere with our rights. Does not democracy allow free and legitimate organization? Then as we are organized fraternally instead of in business there is no reason to act undemocratic and tear away our organization. But still this is the case, and I ask who is destroying democracy? No, we are not perfect, neither are we wholly imperfect. There are some instances when the chapter may deserve suspension or expulsion from a university, but for this reason all chapters are not unworthy. Let it be reminded all that we cannot unknowingly generalize from the particular.

Why this swift renunciation of that which creates a profounder life? Why this incessant fight against that which is deepening the purpose of life in concentrating our ever-flittering attention from things material to things spiritual? The answer lies in the misunderstanding of democracy. Is this not a free country? Then if some delight in a wholesome, although secret brotherhood who can raise a hand in protest? Every man is conscious of his place in the world. And because all have not risen alike to fortune the material things have supplanted the profounder and deeper things of life. Taking democracy as a tool our enemies have only widened that ever-increasing, and yet totally unseen by some, gap between true and false democracy. Envy of attainment, desire to destroy that which elevates either materially or spiritually, prejudiced notions conceived by accepted misunderstandings, incessant fights against a few who have advocated what all did not are characteristics of a false democracy. Joy in the success of those who have gone beyond us in things material, or in the deeper realities of life which are taught with true fraternalism, and the further advocacy of a national ideal which true fraternalism has perpetuated are characteristics of a true democ-

racy. It is not undemocratic because all are not invited to become members of a fraternity, for have we not seen that when the whole of mankind is left to fraternalize itself it becomes aimlessly and unthoughtfully backward? Are we not then rendering democracy a service in holding up the ideal of brotherhood rather than destroying democracy? Must aeons pass before men will become conscious of democracy's limitations? How long shall men uncover to the world their untrained minds when they fail to make the distinction between man in the sight of the law and man as an individual capable of individual attainment, both industrially and socially beyond that of the people as a whole? And cannot others organize if they wish in the same manner that ours was begun?

Surely, then, it becomes evident that fraternalism typifying true democracy calls all men either by example or practice to a higher plane of human relationship, and to the heights of fullest service. Too, it is evident that false democracy beckons those to come back who have left the level of the average. Then are not the Greek-letter fraternities followers of a true democracy?

In conclusion, it behooves all to know clearly where the line of distinction is drawn before they fight against what they think is a menace, yet when truly known is that which has preserved their own ideal. And, too, it behooves us as fraternity men to be conscious of the fact that we are perpetuating an ideal which, when consistently followed, will excite men's sympathy instead of their ill feeling.

AUBREY H. BELL,

Tennessee Alpha Tau.

NATHAN FREDERICK MERRILL.

Professor Merrill's father was Nathan Merrill, a schoolmaster in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and in Charlestown, Massachusetts. Of the manner of man that he was we may glean from his epitaph:

"A devoted husband,
A tender father,
A faithful teacher,
A sincere friend."

He was twice married. By his first wife he had a son, J. Warren Merrill, who became a rich and prominent man, being interested in large enterprises and a mayor of Cambridge.

Professor Merrill's mother was an Edmands, an old Boston family which is still prominent in the social life of the city. Her character and her influence may be judged by the lives and works of her sons. Of these, the elder, George Edmands Merrill, was a Baptist clergyman and, later, president of Colgate University. It has been said of him that he was of too fine a grain, of too gentle a nature, to endure the grind and the criticism of such a public office.

Nathan Frederick Merrill was born in Charlestown on October 6, 1849. His father died when our brother was a mere boy and the family moved to Cambridge. The boy's tastes seem to have run in three directions: to chemistry, to music, and to playing the schoolmaster with his fellows. Many a story has he told me of chemical "researches" carried on in the family china, of his delight in all things musical, and of the strictness and impartiality of his boyish schoolmaster's rule. It was evident that the rod was not spared. At the funeral the other day a touching thing happened: a hale and hearty old gentleman, who had given our brother his first piano lessons, presided at the organ and brought tears to our eyes and delight to our hearts

by playing some of the beautiful old hymns that Professor Merrill loved and played so marvelously, hymns that seemed to be a part of the player and of the place wherein he played them.

One might have thought that Harvard, under whose shadow he had been brought up, would have appealed to our friend—and she did strongly appeal. But down in the heart of Boston there had been started by William Barton Rogers a new kind of an institution, a radical departure from any institutions then existing in this country, an institution designed to give young men a training in science—why just the very thing that Richards and Merrill and a lot of other young fellows had been yearning for! So to this M. I. T. young Merrill went and graduated in its third class, in 1870.

That the older half-brother, the successful business man and patron of learning, took great pride in his brilliant younger brothers there can be no doubt, for a European education (a most uncommon thing in those days) was next in order, and so to Germany our brother went and filled his mind with science, and his soul with music, and his heart with a great love for Germany—as she then was. And there were giants in those days. In Heidelberg the great Bunsen and his colleague, Kirchhoff, had discovered the solar spectrum and so extended the realm of analytical chemistry to the stars. Under them our friend worked and with the best spectroscope that money could buy—an instrument with which many of you have seen the matchless beauty of the solar spectrum, under the guidance of one to whom beauty was a passion.

“Virtue and genius,
Grace and beauty.”

And during this time, we may be sure there was many a visit to the old castle on the hill, many a walk by the Neckar, many an evening spent in reading German poetry, and perhaps even a warm friendship with von Scheffel, the genial poet of Heidelberg, who loved the company of young students, just as our friend did.

Next to Leipsic where Ferdinand Zirkel, with his polarizing microscope, was disclosing a whole new world of discovery in the mineralogical composition of the igneous rocks, and, just for a “Nebenfach,” a minor we should call it, our friend bought a

microscope and plunged into this work with such industry and success as to win the hearty commendation of his teacher. Then to Zurich, where Wislicenus was drawing around him a brilliant throng of young men by his masterly work in organic chemistry. And here, in 1873, our friend won his spurs and proudly brought back to that elder brother his Swiss doctorate.

For a year he taught chemistry at the Boston University Medical School.

At this time the Colorado gold and lead and copper mines were being developed and Mr. J. Warren Merrill was largely interested in the Boston and Colorado Smelting Company, one of that great group of Boston mining enterprises that have done so much in developing the mineral wealth of the country. Perhaps it was to see if this Swiss doctor, on whom he had spent a deal of money, had really learned anything practical (that is, money winning) that led the hard-headed business man to commission him to proceed to plan and erect, in Boston, works for the treatment of copper vitriol, shipped in the crude state from Colorado. If so, great must have been his satisfaction, for the plant was wisely built and run in a clear-headed, businesslike way which showed that learning for its own sake, and music and art could live harmoniously with applied science and keen business sagacity. And this is rare.

Then followed more years in Europe (how many, I know not), studying and traveling in England, France, Italy and Germany, and making warm friendships among artists and musicians and others worth the knowing. And what a power this man had to make and to hold friends, hosts of them! The brilliant conversation, the merry wit, the ready sympathy, the loyal spirit—all were his, and his friends.

Returning to America, about 1880, he busied himself with many things: he spent several years with the smelting company in Colorado, he worked in the Natural History Museum of New York on the rock sections of the Fortieth Parallel Survey, which Clarence King had been completing, and published some papers of note, papers that brought him an offer of employment with the United States Geological Survey. Loyal to the last degree to his old master, he took up the gauntlet thrown down by an

American assailant of Zirkel, and drove him to ignominious flight. For as a fighter, our friend and brother had unusual gifts, both of resourcefulness and of tenacity of purpose.

Then came teaching in Philadelphia, an assistantship at Harvard, membership in one of Boston's best choral societies, and a temporary professorship in an Ohio college.

And finally, in 1885, thirty years ago, our friend began what was to be his life work at this old university on the hill. Only the other day I ran across the telegram from President Buckham bidding him come.

He began as professor of Chemistry and Physics, but not in the splendidly equipped departments that we know; for the Science Hall was not dreamed of and the Museum stood on its site. Chemistry and physics were taught in the north end of the old mill, where one of the English lecture rooms now is. Here the professor taught organic chemistry in one corner, assaying and wet analysis in another, and lectured on physics in a third. And many a yarn has he spun of standing on the lecture table, coatless, breathless, laboring desperately to call forth one spark—not of sympathy, but of electricity from an ante-bellum disc machine.

What he did in ten years to build up his department—and this in the face of more than one unsympathetic colleague of the old school, who called his chemistry pot-boiling and him an interloper in the sacred realm of learning—what he did may best be judged by the fact that when the Science Hall was planned, its whole north end was awarded him for his chemistry department and the arrangement of lecture rooms, offices and laboratories was left almost wholly to his judgment.

He was a brilliant lecturer and an inspiring teacher, especially in his favorite field of organic chemistry. Many a time has he studied far into the night on his aromatics, or what not, and then gone to his lecture room and unfolded his subject with an enthusiasm that took no heed of time, to students who were either too absorbed or too courteous to interrupt him with the fact that the bell had long since rung. And his was the greatest satisfaction that can come to a true professor, that of seeing a few of his students, inspired by their master's teaching, go on

with their work to the graduate schools, here and in Europe, and attain distinction in their chosen fields.

It was in 1887 that he took up his residence in the "Old Mill"—the "Merrill estate" as he jocularly called it—and here he lived for some twenty-eight years, at once the autocrat, the granddaddy, the instructor, the philosopher, the loving and beloved friend of youth. Ah, what memories cling about those rooms! How many of us have sat delighted, fascinated, far into the night by the magic of our friend's discourse, by his bubbling humor, his side-splitting mimicry, his fierce invective, his deeply religious feeling—his "infinite variety." Think of the hundreds of men whose memories are flying back to those never-to-be-forgotten hours. How many boys in trouble has he not counseled wisely, or boys in distress has he not aided? Here and there in this country today a man is living, who looks back from the bustle and cares of a work-a-day world to golden hours spent in Europe, as the delighted guest of a gray-haired professor, whose joy it was to unfold to his eager listeners the beauty, the history, the philosophy of whatever he saw. And in his will he has left considerable bequests to these companions of his journeyings, with messages of his love and esteem.

He joined the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in the fall of 1900 and it came to be one of the sweet things of his life. The high purpose of the organization attracted him powerfully. The beauty of its ritual appealed to his artistic sense. The association with college boys made young his heart, and none could enter upon an evening's merry-making with higher spirits or with more spontaneous wit. How often have I entered the room to see this young old man sitting at the card table, the inevitable pipe or cigar in mouth, making impossible bids and laughing uproariously at his own discomfiture; or, again, seated at the piano, surrounded by a music-loving throng, singing with the boys some fine old choral that he had bought them; or, still again, rising to a banquet toast, to tell his hearers of the things that are "true, and honest, and of good report."

He retired from his active duties a year ago, but, at the invitation of the college authorities, lived in his quarters in the "Old Mill" to the end.

A terrible malady came upon him and though a serious operation apparently checked it, the thought of a recurrence grew upon him and saddened his days. And so, when we found that, apparently only slightly indisposed and without pain, he had "wrapped the drapery of his couch about him and lain down as though to pleasant dreams," we could not grieve at his going but only at our own great loss.

In an old trunk are his records as Province Chief; on the wall of his rooms hangs the menu card of the Chicago Congress of 1902, which we attended together; there stands the old rocking chair (his mother's) in which "Hutchie" pledged him, long ago—and from the wall of this reception room there will presently look down upon all the Taus to come the likeness of a splendid gentleman, our friend and brother.

SOME RECENT TOASTS.

"A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AS SEEN BY A LOCAL CLUB."
(PROVINCE III CONCLAVE.)

If the history of the majority of local clubs was to be reviewed it would be found in practically every instance that the leading motive in their foundation was the desire to some day become a part of a national organization. It is true that many clubs are founded for purely local purposes and to meet purely local conditions, but in almost every case in these clubs eventually there arises the ambition to become a chapter in a nation-wide fraternity.

With this desire to become a part of a national organization existing as strongly and as universally among local clubs as it does, there surely must be some very strong compelling forces which create this desire.

Some of these forces, if we may call them such, consist in attractions which arise out of the idea of co-operation which such a national organization embodies. One of the most appealing and fascinating features of a national fraternity, as viewed from afar, by a local club, is that of fraternalism or brotherhood.

While there is a strong bond of brotherhood existing between the members of any local club, yet it can hardly be called brotherhood in the sense in which that term is used among the members of a national fraternity. The member of a smaller organization numbers his brothers by tens, whereas the member of a national fraternity numbers his brothers by thousands, yes, we may even say, tens of thousands; for there is a bond of fellowship not only between the members of one fraternity, but between the members of all fraternities.

But to the member of the local this bond of brotherhood in the national means something more than being able to say that he belongs to such and such a fraternity and that his frater-

nity has a certain membership. He sees the deeper and truer side of this fraternalism and it is really this fact that makes it so attractive to him.

He sees that all fraternity men, in some way that he cannot just understand, meet on a common basis of friendship and that when members of the same national fraternity meet or are together there is a bond between them very similar to that which exists between blood brothers. He sees that when a fraternity man changes schools he does not have the trouble in getting adjusted to his new environment, as does a non-fraternity man or a member of a local. Instead of being obliged to make his new acquaintances haphazardly as he is thrown in contact with them on the campus, his fraternity brothers introduce him to the best people in the school, get him in the courses under the best professors; and do everything possible to smooth the way for him. He has a fraternity home to go to where there are a group of men with ideas and interests similar to his own and who will keep him from having that outcast or stranger feeling which so many students who change schools feel.

Not only does the member of the local see that this brotherhood makes the way easy and pleasant for the national fraternity man while he is in college, but it does not end with commencement, but goes out with him into and through life. Whenever and wherever a fraternity man meets a member of his fraternity he knows that he has met a real brother. Where a group of members of any fraternity dwell in a particular locality there an alumni association is located which extends to the brother new-comer the same fraternalism which characterizes the active chapters.

But, it is not alone the cementing of the bonds of brotherhood by the national organization that is responsible for the local club's desire to become a part of the larger and wider union. There are local conditions to be met and local problems to be solved and the small group sees the advantage that it would secure in its attempt to accomplish these things by being merged into the stronger organization, for behind the Greek letters of the national fraternity rests an enormous power and prestige. Many locals are founded with the highest ideals and the best of

purposes, but the difficulty arises in their maintenance. It is here that the national steps in with its power and guides the local chapter over the dangers arising with the changing of each student generation when the standards and ideals of any local club are so apt to be lowered.

It is not alone in aiding the local chapter to maintain the ideals and standards which are already established by it that the national plays a large part, but it raises the local chapters' ideals by instituting movements which embrace every chapter of the fraternity. Thus the national is enabled to raise the standard of scholarship for each individual chapter, govern it to a large extent upon many moral questions, and in many other ways raise the ideals of the local chapter to those worthy of a group of modern college men.

Along with the locals' task of maintaining its ideals and standards it is confronted with the problem of securing strong members in competition with local chapters of national fraternities. Here it is very apparent to the local that the national fraternity has a tremendous advantage over it. The larger organization has a highly developed system for the securing of members for its local chapters. With thousands of alumni scattered all over the country every desirable high school or prep school youth is under the watchful eye of some fraternity man who thoroughly places before this prospect the superiorities of his fraternity over any other and then when the prospect goes to college the fraternity man notifies the chapter of his fraternity in that school of the good man who is coming. It is very apparent that the local with only its few members and few alumni is no match at all when it competes with a system like this in the securing of information concerning desirable men.

But even after the prospect arrives at college the national has a decided advantage over the local, for the local can go to the prospect with no appeal but the quality of its men, while the national is backed in its appeal by its name and the fact that it is nation-wide, which facts make it far more alluring than the local to the prospect.

But, after all is said and done upon these phases of a local's view of a national organization, there yet remains to be con-

sidered another aspect, intangible, mystical, appealing, yet withal, fully as strong and influential as the others. The spirit, traditions and sacred associations which bind hearts together and found lasting friendships in a national fraternity are unattainable to the same degree in the local organization and their glamour is an attraction remarkably powerful. What local group can boast songs equal to those of the national and sing them with the same depth of feeling and unity of spirit? What local maintains genuine traditions, peculiar customs, which equal in permanence and scrupulous enforcement those of the larger group? How can the ritual and binding secrets of any local compare in sacredness, in impressiveness, in solemnity, with the generation's old rites of the national? How can the local endow its badge and insignia with reverence and respect to match those of the national institution? What brings alumni of these great fraternities hundreds and thousands of miles to sing the old songs, continue the old traditions, and renew acquaintance with the old ritual, to pay tribute to the old emblem, and to reincarnate the undergraduate days? What makes senior voices grow husky and senior eyes shine suspiciously at the last banquet when lights are low and parting near? It is the weight of spirit decades old. The talent and genius of generations of men are required to accumulate these songs, to establish these traditions, to develop that ritual and to hallow that emblem. It is the force of that inexpressible, indefinable binding power which calls alumni to the old fireside and makes final parting hard. The local club is not old enough to have this spirit; to the local it is a hidden mystery, which calls, beckons, attracts and is a moving power.

Thus attracted by the brotherhood, the practical advantages, and the mystic traditions and spirit of the national, the local is willing to bend every energy to become a part of the national organization.

RAY N. CLEARMAN,

Iowa Delta Beta.

"MACHREE A. T. O.
(PROVINCE III CONCLAVE.)

The cordial spirit which has prevailed in our meetings the last few days has taken me back to other days and to other times. The fellowship which we have in the bonds of our beloved Fraternity is like nothing else in all the world. What it is that causes the youthful spirit to return to us, I do not know. What it is that calls us back from our labors and our business, to meet again about the altar, in this way of fellowship and friendship, I do not know. Never have I been able to find a definition or a description of the associations which we have in our fraternity life which seems to me to express in even a small measure the feeling which is born in all of our hearts by these ties. It has now been nearly twenty years since I was in a fraternity meeting. A kind letter from Brother Hickok which came the other day reminded me that I was Master when he was initiated. But how even that may be, I am certain that I have not heard the mystic words, or seen the mystic signs, since leaving college twenty years ago. What a power is here that some words unheard by the world, and some signs unseen by men, should be able to erase from mind and heart the experiences of twenty years and make again the spirit of youth to be as it was of old. May we not say that here we have at last found the fabled fountain of eternal youth, and that we have here discovered that which is able to overcome time and to span space?

Little did I think that it should ever be my good fortune to stand at the altar of A. T. O. in Iowa City or to be in this presence and, looking into the faces of brothers bound to me by the old bonds, speak to them of my love for our fraternity.

You have seen something of our beautiful city, and of our university, which is the pride of our State, but all the time there has been a feeling in our hearts that something was lacking to make the happiness of our relationship here complete.

We have the men, and money,
We have the buildings, too;
We have the finest teaching staff
That e'er a college knew.

And yet one thing was lacking
To make a perfect "U."
Just ask these ancient Alpha Taus,
If what I say's not true!

The Karnaks felt as we did,
And thus I'd have you know
There came this week to Iowa
Our own loved A. T. O.

The inscription on our program reminds me that it is just fifty years since Glazebrook, Marshall and Ross met in that little room in Richmond, and founded our Fraternity. The war of 1776 created the American citizen; the war of 1865 created that finest flower of our citizenship, the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. The Puritan and the Cavalier, expressing the finest self-restraint and courtesy that the world has known, were made one by that terrible conflict for our national independence. So that spirit of liberty and that spirit of union were fused by the rebellion, cementing virtue and truth and love into a friendship which shall endure longer than the stars. Virginia tonight waives her hand to Iowa, and expresses in this gift which she offers to us the finest spirit of true manhood and sportsmanship that the world has known.

You remember that moving passage in Homer where the great poet tells us of Priam crying to men, "In all the world was ever anything like this, that a father should kiss the hand that slew his son." That was the miracle of the old civilization. A dim prophecy and longing that somewhere, some time, men might know that out of sacrifice there can be born a love which endures all, which suffers all, and which is kind. Let us remember tonight that this prophecy has been fulfilled, and this longing has been satisfied by this spirit of reconciliation, founded not upon sectional differences or upon political ideas or ideals, but rather upon the spirit of humanity, which was offered to the world by these college men. There is nothing with which we can compare this, that these young men, though defeated, should in their defeat offer their hands to the young men of the North and make as their gift to the problems of reconstruction the Fraternity whose name we proudly bear. Shall it not be therefore that we

may discover, that, as they sought to solve the problems of a great political and moral situation by the principles of truth and love and friendship, that we today may be able, following their example, to see that the teachings of our Fraternity shall make it possible for us to help young men to solve their problems, which are indeed as great and as pressing as any which have ever come to men.

To be a Greek today means something greater than ever before. We here acknowledge that we are seekers after the truth, that we will be satisfied with nothing less than truth revealed which is the beauty of holiness, and that we will consecrate our powers to the service of our fellow men and, though, like our brothers of old, defeated, we shall be great enough from our field of defeat to offer our hand in reconciliation and forgiveness. So may it not be that tonight we shall find on the battlefields, where ignorance contends with wisdom, where purity and passion must meet, where injustice must be striven with, and where passion, truth and wrong renew their age-long strife, that it is possible for us to offer a helping hand to those who are in need and show them that whatever our situation may be we care for them beyond any of the dividing circumstances of life.

In one of the great manufactories this sentiment is inscribed over every door and over every machine, "Protect our good name." Let us remember that the finished product depends upon the loyalty of the most obscure workman, upon his honesty and skill. So shall it not be that the manhood of our Fraternity shall depend not upon the outstanding characters, but rather that we shall be able to reveal to the world our reason for being, when every brother shall feel that the finished product of manhood depends upon his honesty and loyalty and faithfulness.

It gives us pause tonight, as we remember all that A. T. O. has been to us in the past, to look at these young men here, and know that they have chosen us by petitioning for a charter; they have said to themselves, "We want to be like you," and as we think of this there is placed upon us a responsibility such as we have not known, and there has been offered to us a compliment which we can return only in one way, and that is by being what we wish others to become, and seeking to become what we wish others to be.

You remember the old story of the man and the god who were pleading for the love of the celestial girl, and how she turned to the god and said, "Thou wouldst grow kind; most bitter to a woman that was loved"; and how the young man plead with her, "Upon thy face I see infinity broods; thou art to me what the sea has tried to tell, what the winds have sung of in winter storm and peaceful summer nights. You have been lived for, sung of, died for, but I know not where or when. Thou art to me the lure of west, the strangeness of the dream I never knew. Thou art my light, my music dying." This, may not we tonight pledge to our Fraternity, and shall not we find that in Alpha Tau Omega there is suggested to us a courage that rises above defeat, a loyalty to manhood which is stronger than the lure of gold, and a purity of purpose that shall resist the passionate claims of time and sense?

Let us pledge to A. T. O. this hope and claim from her this assurance.

"MACHREE A. T. O."

" 'Tis the white of the day,
And the warmth of the sun,
The ripple of waters that laughingly run,
The sweet bloom of youth,
And the harvest of years;
The gold of all smiles, and the salt of all tears.

" 'Tis the thrill of the hand,
And the light of the eye,
The glow of the cheek, and the lip's parting cry;
'Tis father, 'tis mother,
'Tis brother or wife,
The music of woman's, the wine of man's life.

" 'Tis all that he lives for,
And hopes for above,
'Tis an Irishman's heart making vocal his love,
'Tis the whole of creation,
One isle in the sea;
And that's what an Irishman means by 'Machree'."

Join me then as I propose a toast to Machree A. T. O.!

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The Editor's Views

To the new chapters we extend the right hand of fellowship. Alpha Tau Omega has honored itself by confiding charters and its mysteries to three splendid groups of deserving young men in Oregon, Indiana and Iowa. We bid them welcome to our fraternal circle.

It has been many years since Alpha Tau Omega entered three institutions in the short period of approximately one month, and it should be here stated that this almost unprecedented action indicates no letting down of the bars against unwise expansion. Each of the three applications have been pending for a long time, and each received that close inspection that has characterized the Fraternity's policy since 1894. Two charters were granted by the unanimous vote of the chapters of the Fraternity, and against the third only one negative vote was registered. It is pleasant to know that we are privileged to extend the benefits of the Fraternity without violence to what is now the established policy of Alpha Tau Omega—reasonable conservatism.

The young men who have recently taken the obligations have well deserved the privileges that have come to them. The applicant clubs have been maintained for a period long enough to insure stability and in a manner that indicates ability to cope with serious organization problems. One already owns its own chapter house and the others will not long be without them.

The institutions are representative and of that class to which we look for future chapters. In each instance they are supported by the State and give every promise of enlarged and enlarging spheres of usefulness in the years to come.

It is particularly gratifying to be enabled to record the re-establishment of the chapter at Corvallis. Founded in 1882, it

was the first college fraternity chapter in the Northwest. Though dormant for many years, and although Sigma Alpha Epsilon established a new chapter there before the revival of our own, it is pleasant to have this pioneer chapter restored to our roll of active chapters.



Alpha Tau Omega was the first national fraternity to legislate against Theta Nu Epsilon. At the time Congress enacted the prohibitory law the older, larger and, possibly, more prominent fraternities hesitated to pass similar legislation, although they, too, were subjected to the same intolerable conditions created by that justly notorious organization. Alpha Tau Omega allowed no consideration of expediency to interfere with what seemed to be its duty in the premises. Alone and unaided, it blazed the trail and its judgment has been amply vindicated by the large number of those who have followed it by adopting like measures.

Alpha Tau Omega should have learned by that experience that some one must lead and that if the policy with which it leads is right, proper and founded upon bedrock principles, it will not long suffer for lack of company.

If there is one thing more than any other that now requires the careful attention of Alpha Tau Omega and its Greek neighbors it is the pressing question of the proper relations between the so-called academic fraternities and the so-called professional fraternities. Here, too, Alpha Tau Omega suffers equally with its neighbors. Yet it seems unwilling to accept the responsibility of leadership. Its attitude, while distinctively hostile, has not yet become aggressively militant.

There is no more place for the professional fraternity in the Greek body politic than for Theta Nu Epsilon. Both are parasites and both are distinctly pernicious. Both had their origin in the desire to promote perfectly legitimate ends and both have so far shifted from their original aims as to become harmful to the Greek world.

Theta Nu Epsilon was founded as a class society and for the object of promoting social intercourse between members of various fraternities and between the "barbs" and fraternity men.

To this object no one could lodge serious objection. But when it strayed from this path and became notorious throughout the educational world for practices that no Greek could sustain it merited, as it received, the condemnation of every self-respecting fraternity.

The professional fraternities were founded for laudable objects. To draw men of kindred tastes and ambitions together and as an organization pursue their common studies in an atmosphere of scholasticism is an object which commands the commendation of all men. As long as the professional fraternities maintained this attitude no one was inclined to raise even the slightest objection, although such organizations could hardly be called true *fraternities*. Indeed, so far from criticising them, the Greek world generally encouraged the professional fraternities as a most wholesome adjunct to the college fraternity system. Not only were members of general fraternities permitted to join the professional fraternities, but in some places they were encouraged to do so. Recently, however, the professional fraternities have so greatly changed their complexions that the encouragement hitherto given must be withdrawn. Not content with their characters as learned societies they now aspire to fraternalism in its true sense; they have begun the renting and building of chapter houses and, worst of all, many, if not all, not only admit barbs and Greeks alike to their ranks, but are in open and, oft-times, hostile competition with the general college fraternities for material. That is to say, they are now seeking the level of the general college fraternities.

No serious objection can be taken to this, if they will assume the duties of self-respecting general fraternities at the same time that they seek their advantages. If they wish to be general fraternities the right hand of welcome awaits them. There is ample place for many more general fraternities. But they must then assume every ethical obligation now resting upon decent general fraternities and they must cease to initiate men who are already members of the general fraternities. They cannot be both fish and fowl. They cannot be permitted to hold themselves forth as a class different from us for one purpose (that is, for the purpose of initiating *our* members) and, as like us for another purpose (that is, for the purpose of competing with us).

Whatever may have been the practice in the past, no self-respecting college fraternity will today admit to its ranks the members of any other general college fraternity. Indeed, even expelled members of a fraternity find that the bars of all others are closed to them with possibly rare exceptions. Yet these fraternities are in close competition with each other and have been so from the very beginning of the Greek world. Why then should professional fraternities likewise now in competition with us be permitted to initiate our members? They are neither fish, fowl or good red herring.

The naked truth is, that they are college fraternities in order to compete for barbarians and professional fraternities in order to initiate fraternity men. To non-fraternity men they pretend to offer all the advantages of a general fraternity, and to fraternity men they propose advantages which their general fraternities are supposed to be unable to supply. And we respectfully submit that they must be either one or other and that if they persist in being both the strong arm of the general fraternities must be exerted against them.

How much more will they change? One professional fraternity, more candid than its fellows, has within recent years become a general fraternity, thereby making a large number of men, without their consent, members of two general college fraternities. In becoming such, it discontinued the initiation of all fraternity men. By this very process the writer hereof became automatically a member of two Greek-letter societies, of similar aims, purposes and ambitions, bound to allegiance to both, though he was honored by membership in one when it was a purely professional society. He mentions this now, not by way of complaint or criticism, but as a concrete illustration of how the professional societies have changed and are changing their characters and objects, and how such changes affect the status of general fraternity men.

Now, if Alpha Tau Omega has stood consistently for any one thing, it has stood in opposition to dual membership. Never in all its fifty years of history has it initiated one member of another existing general fraternity, and it never will. Nor, during the same period, has it permitted its members to hold membership in any other. Certainly, Alpha Taus, possibly a score of

them, have united with other general fraternities, but, whether such actions were dictated by motives of disloyalty or not, the same penalty has always been visited upon the offender—summary expulsion. Alpha Tau Omega never would and never will have a divided fealty. Alpha Tau Omega was indeed a pioneer in this respect. Long before Phi Delta Theta closed its doors to Greek men, Alpha Tau Omega expelled members for joining Phi Delta Theta. Phi Delta Theta, like many other societies, expelled men early in its history for joining other societies, yet only at a comparatively recent date did it vote against the reception of Greek men. Alpha Tau Omega has stood all these years consistently and sometimes almost alone against dual membership in any shape, manner and form.

Yet in spite of this attitude, old as the Fraternity itself, we are now reluctant to legislate against the professional fraternities. Let us hesitate no longer. Alpha Tau Omega can, if need be, stand alone again, though naturally the Fraternity will be gratified to have others make common cause with it. It has a great principle at stake; its very traditions are threatened; the record of a half century will be sullied unless we vindicate our position by an enactment that embraces the professional fraternities, as well as the general fraternities. Let us refuse to initiate a professional fraternity man and prohibit, under penalty of expulsion, any member joining a professional fraternity.

Nor shall we stand alone very long. Other fraternities will soon follow if they do not already lead us. The whole Greek world is aroused to the necessity for decisive action and within a short time the professional fraternity will have become an outlaw quite as truly as Theta Nu Epsilon now is. Either that or they will cease their pretensions and become general fraternities or true professional societies.



We note with interest the evidences of a revival of what might be termed the early or original spirit of the Fraternity. Nowadays hardly a Fraternity function is permitted to pass unless it is made the occasion of reminding the assembled members of the motives which animated the men who founded Alpha Tau Omega. We trust the time may never come when the theme shall be considered too old for constant use.

Indeed, there was a time in our history when it was feared that further expansion might dry the wells of tradition. After the Fraternity had become firmly established in the South and the North and the East, there was a tremendous agitation for new chapters in the West. That vast domain beyond the Alleghenies, and even beyond the Mississippi, teeming with splendid institutions of learning, seemed to the younger men of Alpha Tau Omega, a fertile and inviting field for expansion. Yet, heeding the advice and the admonitions of older men, the Fraternity hesitated and, indeed, lost the privilege, in several instances, of being the first to hoist a Greek flag upon western campuses. The older men believed that as the Fraternity progressed westwardly it would lose its intimate touch with its early traditions and that the men of the West, far removed from the scenes, actions, conditions and thoughts that had so deeply stirred the Founders in 1865 and the decades that followed, would very lightly regard the *raison d'être* of Alpha Tau Omega. It is encouraging to know that these fears were not justified by subsequent events and that, instead, these men of the West have, in a very real and vital sense, grasped Alpha Tau Omega's early ideal, and by joining with us in hearty accord, have helped us to make that ideal true. Indeed, so far from losing traditions we have made them even more precious by our policy of expansion in the West.

It is, however, only very recently that the present generation has grasped the full significance of the motives that inspired Doctor Glazebrook when he summoned Marshall and Ross to his assistance and with them established Alpha Tau Omega. While we have always appreciated to the fullest extent the picture of three young Confederate soldiers, just returning from the field of battle to the halls of the Virginia Military Institute, deliberately planning an organization of college men that should create new bonds of affection between the distracted North and South, we have never, until within recent years, realized how completely that scene separates us from other Greek-letter college fraternities. It makes Alpha Tau Omega a unique organization. Other fraternities have, of course, been founded for the attainment of the most commendable objects. Some for the purpose of promoting fraternal affection; others for the attain-

ment of literary achievements; still others for merely social purposes and a few for the spreading of religion among college men. Not one, as far as we know, choose for its object the attainment of a more or less political object; for that indeed was the purpose that animated the labors of the Founders.

We repeat that it is a source of immeasurable satisfaction, especially to the older men of the Fraternity, to note how, within recent years, special emphasis has been given to the Founders' *political* ideal. The early literature of the Fraternity is replete with references to it, showing how precious that ideal was to the men of the seventies and eighties, and these men today find the most perfect warrant for their past service to Alpha Tau Omega in the realization that the Fraternity has been truly effective in the great work of creating a new fellowship out of the distracted North and South.

Recently, Worthy Grand Chief Giffin stated that, in his judgment, the Fraternity, because of its object, had confined itself to the United States and could not well follow the example of other Greek fraternities by establishing chapters in Canada. Certainly, our Constitution has never contemplated chapters beyond the territory of the United States and as long as the Fraternity cherishes its early traditions and follows the ideals of its Founders it can serve no useful purpose in going beyond the Great Lakes. Though we have had, in the past, applications from Canadian institutions, we have never gone thither, and for no other reason, than that it was felt that the Canadian could have little sympathy with a fraternity that found its chief mission in tying up the wounds of a foreign nation. Other fraternities may dream of international conquests, but Alpha Tau Omega's country is America.



We wish that we should sufficiently impress upon the Fraternity, and especially upon the young men in the active chapters, the vital importance of safely and securely guarding the precious records which are bound to accumulate in an organization such as ours.

In no other department of activity is there so much need for reform as here. The books of a chapter containing its minutes

are beyond price. They are its best asset. A chapter house is a small affair in comparison. The Gettysburg house, devoured by flames, is restored to us, but its minutes, redolent with the story of the Fraternity's early days in the North, are gone forever.

There is, of course, some excuse for the loss of records, through their destruction by the elements. But for the loss of most of the records we are now seeking there is no excuse. They have simply been lost. Some one misplaced them. Some one thought them to be of no value. Some one consigned them to the fire—wanton, heartless, senseless!

Whenever we speak of these things—and we do it frequently enough—we imagine that our young men suppose we are talking of another generation. It so happens that right now we are intensely interested in finding the old records. But just the same we are speaking to and for men of today. The men of yesterday were negligent enough; yet those of today have little right to censure them. The record made today will be just as precious fifty years from today as that made fifty years ago. Let us ease the path of him who fifty years from now is commissioned to write our history by carefully preserving our records.

Some men say, "What's the use of preserving our minutes; we never write what happened anyway." Which is probably true enough, and this brings us to the consideration of another question. The minutes of a chapter are its most important record, and a chapter that permits sloven work in this department should be compelled to give up its charter. A chapter with meager minutes is usually a chapter that does so very little that its place on our rolls would better be vacant.



Here is a letter that tells its own story and points to its own moral. If the young men of Alpha Tau Omega desire the co-operation of the alumni they must do something to deserve it:

"I would appreciate very much your publishing these 'Ravings' without my name appended, as I am not mentioning the chapters in question.

"During the last few years particular efforts have been made to have graduate A. T. O.'s submit to various chapters, the names of prospective students at these universities with a view to their

investigation by chapters. My experience along this line has been of such a nature that with the possible exception of my own chapter which is located in the city where I live, and from which I can receive a telephone acknowledgment, letters and telegrams regarding such prospective students are handled by the chapters with about as much courtesy as the commonest kind of advertisements.

"Early in September I sent a telegram to one of our chapters about a young man who was leaving that night. He is an excellent fellow, and worthy A. T. O. timber. I followed my telegram up with a letter giving all information. The young man received instructions from his father to do nothing until he had had a chance to meet our men. Three weeks later I received a badly written letter from the chapter advising me that they had not gotten hold of the young man in question; that he had pledged some other fraternity. They probably never even tried to see him—much less meet him at the train. The young man obeyed his father's wishes, and finally wrote him that our boys had apparently made no effort to see him, and that he was not going to wait any longer.

"My second experience was to one of our strongest chapters. I wrote them very fully regarding a very desirable candidate nearly three weeks ago, and am still without acknowledgment of any sort.

"I fully realize the frailty of young college men, and how prone they are to be careless in matters of this kind. When I find one who is not, I am intensely surprised. At the same time, an attitude of this kind being general, cannot possibly help hurting all of our chapters, as men will get tired of making recommendations that are not even acknowledged. As long as some of the chapters have special forms upon which recommendations are sent, I would like to suggest that some sort of a general acknowledgment form be printed up for all of the chapters. The people only then fill in the name of the person they are addressing, the name of the man whose recommendation is being acknowledged, and have a few lines left for disposition. My business education which requires an acknowledgment of every letter received with the possible exception of the barest kind of circular letters, leads me to make this suggestion."

The Greeks

GROWTH OF THE GREEKS.

The following new chapters of men's general fraternities are announced:

B Θ Π—Colorado College, Kansas Ag. (died at Boston and Iowa Wesleyan).

Δ Σ Φ—Thiel, Hillsdale.

Δ T Δ—Pittsburgh, Kansas.

Δ Υ—Indiana.

K A (S)—Southern U., Maryland Ag., Johns Hopkins (revived).

K Σ—Arizona, Oregon State.

Λ X A—Illinois, Alabama Poly., Washington State.

Φ K Σ—Minnesota, Stanford.

Φ M Γ—Oklahoma.

Φ Σ K—Worcester Poly.

Π K A—Washington.

Ψ Υ—Toronto.

Σ X—Brown.

Σ N—Colorado Ag., Idaho.

Θ Δ X—Pennsylvania.

Of the fraternities listed by Mr. Baird as "Class Two," the following announce new chapters:

Acacia—Kansas State.

B Φ—Michigan, DePauw.

Δ X—Washington, Toronto.

Π K Φ—California, Georgia, Trinity, Nebraska.

T K E—Iowa State.

Θ A—Cornell.

Θ X—Washington.

Z B T—Virginia.

The sororities have recently installed the following chapters:

A X Ω —Oregon Ag.

A Δ Π —Missouri, Colby, Nebraska.

A Γ Δ —Oregon Ag.

A O Π —Southern Methodist, Syracuse.

A Ξ Δ —Vermont, New Hampshire.

X Ω —Stanford.

Δ Δ Δ —Missouri, Kansas State, Alabama, Hollins, Mount Union, Michigan (revived).

Δ Z—Kansas State, Lombard.

Γ Φ B—Iowa.

K A Θ —Purdue, Lawrence, Washburn, Tulane.

K Δ —Bucknell.

K K Γ —Oklahoma.

Π B Φ —Died at Columbia.

Φ M—George Washington, Southern California, Iowa Wesleyan.

Σ I X—Hardin.

Σ K—Stanford.

Z T A—Trinity, California.

In addition to the above there have recently been announced sixty-nine chapters of professional and honorary societies. Of these the greatest growth was shown by Σ Δ X (Journalistic) with seven new chapters.

New chapter houses have recently been acquired by the following:

Δ T Ω —Indiana.

B Θ Π —Amherst, Yale.

Φ K Ψ —Colgate, California, Washington, Colorado.

Φ Σ K—Illinois.

Σ A E—Case.



EXPANSION IN GENERAL.

We would like to credit this one to its author, but unfortunately neglected to make a memorandum at the time we used the scissors.

The Sorority System can scarcely be said to have existed prior to the first charter grant. There were, to be sure, many groups of women students in different parts of the country, such as Adelphean and Philomathean at Georgia Wesleyan, Calisophia and *K Σ* at Elmira, *X Θ Δ* at Troy, all founded in the fifties and following close upon the opening of college doors to women, but the *system* did not take on form until after the establishment of branches had been proved to be both feasible and advantageous. The decade that included the seventies saw the idea in full operation, for by 1880 there was over a score of chapters, most of them in the Middle West. The years since then have carried the system into every part of the country and over the border into Canada, until today there are on the combined rolls of the Congress sororities a total membership of 55,000, and an undergraduate membership of 9,000 in 450 chapters. Were the professional sororities included, the records would easily stand at 60,000 total, with 10,000 in 500 chapters.

These figures are interesting in themselves, when viewed as the results of less than fifty years of the sorority system, but they become a matter of surprise when one learns that more than half of this gain has been made within the last ten years; in other words, that 300 chapters and 35,000 members have been added in that relatively short space of time.

The number of charter grants made the present college year is exactly the same as last, thus showing that there is a steady and rather uniform growth. Several new fields have been opened, Kansas State College, New Hampshire State College and Oregon State College, by the collegiate orders; the State Normals at Greeley, Colorado; Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Kirksville, Missouri, by professional sororities; Denison by a musical.

One of the curious things to be observed concerning what may be called the natural history of a college, is the fact that the men who attend it and graduate from it in the earlier years of its existence almost always average higher in level of achievement and success in after life than those who came after them at the same college. This fact has often been noted and commented upon in conversation, but the writer has never seen it referred to in print. That it is a fact and not a mere theory can readily be verified by an examination of the alumni catalogues of the institutions mentioned in Professor Shepardson's article in this number of the magazine, and the astonishing number of successful men in the early ranks of the fraternity is due in a great part not only to the fact that it was the pioneer fraternity in colleges in their youth when they were attracting men of unusually high quality, but that it selected men among those. This fact has been a great incentive to the writer to examine the availability of new institutions as fraternity fields, and many a time he has seen the entrance of our own and other fraternities into virgin fields justified. The custom which has long obtained among us of admitting to membership the alumni of local societies becoming chapters of the fraternity has been based upon this fact. Our alumni at Dartmouth, Wesleyan,

Colgate, Missouri, Utah, North Dakota, Colorado School of Mines, Case, and other places where such have been admitted extend the roots of these chapters back to the halcyon periods of their respective colleges and bring to our ranks a remarkably desirable class of men.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

Some one has truly said that a man can pay a woman no greater compliment than by asking her to marry him. Many girls treat a proposal of such nature as a mere tribute to their charms and do not consider that a man in making such an offer is suggesting something which affects not only her, but his whole future and that of his children. Somewhat of such womanly attitude is often assumed by our chapters with respect to applications for charters. Many of the chapters who have not heard of an institution from which an application comes are apt to regard it as a joke and not seriously to be considered. This is a mistake. Every group of applicants have gone to much trouble and expense and undoubtedly devoted much thought and attention to the selection of a fraternity and we should regard such an application as a great compliment and worthy of careful and patient attention. We believe such attention is always received at the hands of the convention and its committees, but what we are urging is that the chapters shall be serious and thoughtful about it, for upon such actions depends our future prosperity and growth.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The ΣN Delta for May announces the installation of a ΣN chapter at the University of Idaho. It is the fourth national fraternity there. An article regarding the institution says it has 278 male students and 196 female students, all of college rank, there being no preparatory department. The income for 1913-14 is given as \$500,278, the endowment as \$798,006. In addition, the university owns 572,160 acres of land, much of it heavily timbered, estimated to be worth \$6,000,000.— $\Phi \Delta \theta$ Scroll.

Last year ΣN entered the University of Nevada, and then it was a race as to which fraternities should first enter the two remaining barbarian states. The race was won by $\Pi K \Lambda$ installing a chapter at the University of New Mexico on May 22d, and by $K \Sigma$ installing a chapter at the University of Arizona on May 29th. Both of them absorbed prosperous local societies of over ten years' standing. The Greeks have now captured all of the forty-eight states, the District of Columbia and two provinces in Canada. Geographically speaking new fraternity territory in the United States no longer exists.— $\Phi \Delta \theta$ Scroll.

Since ΣN has entered Nevada, $\Pi K \Lambda$ the University of New Mexico and $K \Sigma$ the University of Arizona, every state in the union can boast (if it will—roast if it will not) one or more fraternities.— $K K \Gamma$ Key.

But in contemplating the growth of our own and of other societies let us not forget the other side of the shield. Expansion is indeed a good and wholesome thing in a fraternity of national scope, such as ours,

and particularly so in ours, since the "missionary spirit" is with us a fundamental principle. But expansion is sound in principle only when new charters are restricted to those institutions wherein, by reason of the prospects of the college and of the existing fraternity situation, there seems to be no question as to the permanency of the new establishment. The following from the *Beta Theta Pi* speaks eloquently upon this score:

We announce with regret the withdrawal of the charter of the *A E* chapter at Iowa Wesleyan College. It is always a sad duty to perform—to cut off from a long line of alumni their right to succession at their own college. But the dignity of the fraternity demands that it shall maintain a certain standard in its chapters. Time and time again our standard has been lowered at particular places in an effort to perpetuate a chapter at a decadent college. But there comes a time when the surgeon's remedy is the best solution of a problem. Iowa Wesleyan College is one of four small Methodist colleges in Iowa. It has shown practically no improvement in resources, or equipment or standards for many years. The number of male students in attendance is too small to afford an adequate field for our chapter to select from, and the chapter has for a long time been weak and struggling. There seems to be no future for the college and none for the chapter. It has furnished to the fraternity a long line of splendid loyal men, but they could not help the situation. Indeed, they recognized it and while pleading for its life declined to send their own sons to such a college, and thus possibly help to maintain the chapter.

In such a case as the above, the members of the chapter ought to be broad-minded enough and loyal enough to surrender the charter as soon as the hopelessness of the situation is apparent. We have some few chapters on our roll which we are trying to keep and help, but we sincerely hope that as soon as they find that they cannot maintain the standard set by the fraternity that they will one and all have the courage and manliness of the old *Z* chapter at Hampden-Sidney and return their charters, and close their careers without bitterness and without regret, but proud of the fact that while they could they gave to the fraternity the best men in their colleges.



THE NEW BAIRD'S MANUAL.

The eighth edition of *Baird's Manual*, following only three years after the seventh edition, shows a most remarkable growth of the fraternity system in that short period. Men's general fraternities have increased by 94 chapters and 35,504 members and the total number of members of all fraternities and sororities, general and professional, honorary and local, is now just short of half a million.

This great growth in membership, however, is not equal to the marked increase in material prosperity shown in the same period. The value of property owned by men's general fraternities has increased from nine to twelve millions of dollars and the total value of all fraternity and sorority houses owned is well above fourteen millions.

In value of houses owned B Θ Π heads the list with \$977,500 to its credit. Φ Δ Θ comes next with \$900,500 and Δ K E is a close third. As to number of houses owned Φ Δ Θ leads the procession, having nosed out B Θ Π in the past three years. These fraternities have 57 and 51 houses, respectively. Next come Φ Γ Δ , Δ K E and Σ X with 43, 38 and 37 houses, respectively, while Φ K Ψ , Σ A E, Σ N, K Σ , Δ Y, Δ T Δ and A T Ω follow in the order named.

In this general increase of material prosperity A T Ω has had much more than its proportionate share. Beginning the three-year period well toward the bottom of the list of general fraternities as to number and value of houses it has in the interim raised itself to eighteenth place, out of thirty-three fraternities listed, in value of property and twelfth place in number of houses owned.

Φ Δ Θ heads the list of gains with twelve new houses to its credit and A T Ω is a close second with eleven. The next in order is Φ Γ Δ with nine new houses, after which comes Σ X with eight. Σ N acquired seven new houses, Δ K E and Φ K Ψ six each, while Σ N, K Σ and Λ X A each acquired five. B Θ Π , Π K A and X Φ added four houses each to their lists and other fraternities three or less.

Although the book was not published until the latter part of December the forms were closed in October, since which time A T Ω has acquired three new houses. Just what others have done in the same time is not as yet reported, but it is very probable that our fraternity leads all others in the number of new houses it has bought or built in the years 1913-15, inclusive.

The *Manual* itself is the usual compilation of fairly accurate statistics with the usual warning to those who disagree that it has been compiled with the care and in the good faith for which the author has become so justly famous. Indeed, no exception to the accuracy of the work will well lie.

The A T Ω write-up is an improvement over former efforts, having been adapted largely from material furnished by a member of this Fraternity. It is fairly accurate, but is marred in some places by the use of the "blue pencil." The most glaring error is the reiteration of the statement that Beta Tau chapter was formerly a chapter of A Γ . The editor failed to distinguish between predestination and deep water baptism. But Alpha Tau Omega has nothing but words of commendation for the author and his very useful book.



THE MISSISSIPPI CASE.

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, upholding the Supreme Court of Mississippi in its decision that the state law abolishing fraternities at educational institutions supported by the state is constitutional, has, of course, come in for much comment upon the part of fraternity men. The *Garnet and White* of A X P sizes up the situation with some accuracy as follows:

The verdict of the Supreme Court of the United States handed down by Justice McKenna, sustaining the right of the legislature of the State of Mississippi to prohibit college fraternities in the University of Mississippi, is perhaps only what might have been expected. The legislature probably had a "right" to pass any foolish legislation that the people of the state would stand for. And as the bulk of the inhabitants of Mississippi, or those of any other state, know nothing and care less about college fraternities and college work, we have here a prime opportunity of the Solons to gain glory as reformers of gross evils without in the least hurting the whisky trade, the brothel, or any other institution whose loss might prove a personal inconvenience. Fortunately the reputation for intemperate utterances and actions which the State of Mississippi has already earned through its governors and its politicians is such as to reassure us, on the one hand, that the fraternities, even in that state whose most noted product is shrimps, are not necessarily bad because the government has declared them so; and on the other, that very few legislatures, even in their quest of things to regulate without detriment to the political future, will show the ignorance of Greek ideals, tendencies and influence which has characterized the legislators of Mississippi in the discussions which preceded the passage of the anti-fraternity law.

The *Beta Theta Pi* thinks it is all in the name:

It used to be in the old days when the fraternities were commonly called secret societies, that opposition to them was based upon the fact that they were not known to the student world. Now it would seem that opposition to them is based upon the fact that they are too well known. It is a case of "You'll be damned if you do—and you'll be damned if you don't." A consideration of the situation leads to the conclusion that the thing which really excites opposition is the social distinction involved in the use of a Greek-letter name. A society called, for example, the Wayne Literary Society may be as secret as it pleases in its proceedings and as exclusive as a Philadelphia Sewing Circle in the selection of its members without exciting any particular comment or opposition. It may do no literary work in spite of its name and its members may dance their way partly through college and out of the back door without unfavorable comment; but the moment it changes its name to the *A B Γ Fraternity* it becomes an organization to be opposed by those who do not belong to it and its proceedings are at once condemned and denounced.

Others seek to moralize upon the situation like the *Θ X Quarterly* which says:

In a sense the college fraternities are themselves to blame for the measure of ignorant prejudice that has grown up against them. Individually the college fraternity spirit has done much to make the world better, but these accomplishments have lacked fraternity publicity. The recent action of the legislature of Mississippi and attempted similar action in other states can have but one answer and that is, not the suppression of the college fraternity. On the contrary, it means the knitting together of fraternity men into a closer bond, the better organizing of their honoraries and an inward searching by fraternity men of themselves and their shortcomings. Then they can help impress on the public those ideals of truth, loyalty and progress which the world in general, and equally so the United States, stand much in need of today.

In similar vein the *Record* of *Σ A Ε* says:

While we bow in submission to this decision, and have the utmost respect for its source and finality, yet we wish that it might have been otherwise. However, the fraternities need not feel discouraged—for it is through this decision that they will see more clearly that exemplary conduct on their part will allay hostility and animosity more than any other thing; and instead of resorting to the courts or being able to point to the United States Supreme Court for authority for their right to exist, it will be necessary to show the people and our legislators that fraternities are instruments of good, deserving encouragement rather than destruction. Had the decision been otherwise, it might have been the beginning of the end—for in many places, no doubt, the youthful exuberance and dis-

respect for authority would have become so overbearing as to have required and hastened the day when the constitution would be amended to enable faculties and school trustees to properly manage their respective institutions. So, after all, let us look at the situation in a sensible way—and depend upon the facts for our right to exist. If favorable facts exist, and we know that they do, the people as a jury will return a verdict for manhood and character, no matter what effort is made to destroy them.

More practical and militant is the attitude of the *Caduceus* of K Σ which comments:

It may be most effective to have a committee of the Inter-Fraternity Conference to take the defense in hand if and whenever a similar bill is introduced in any other legislature. A policy encouraging the members to a strict adherence to the real ideals and principles of the fraternities will be the best argument in favor of their perpetuation and of legislative non-interference.

The following fraternities and sororities, which had chapters in Mississippi, are directly affected by the decision: Δ K E, Δ Ψ, Σ X, Φ K Ψ, X Ψ, Φ K Σ, Σ A E, Φ Γ Δ, Φ Δ Θ, B Θ Π, K A, Δ T Δ, Δ Γ, X Ω, Δ Δ Δ, Σ Υ.

It remains for the ladies, God bless 'em, to say the last word in this as in other cases:

Once there was an old frat
That couldn't read the times;
The Antis used it for a proof
That frats all foster crimes,
And while they flunked and dawdled
The Antis busy got;

The legislature made a law,
And lo! that frat was not.

—A Δ Π *Adelphean*.



DISSENTING OPINIONS.

While there can now be no doubt as to the *right* of the Mississippi legislature to forbid fraternities at state institutions, the *wisdom* of such a course is open to serious question. The following opinions, culled from various sources, would tend to resolve that question in the negative:

"I am glad to testify to the usefulness of college fraternities," the former President said. "I am told that the issue over the desirability of fraternities is not yet dead. While it is probably true that fraternities are subject to abuses, and ought to be regulated, they usually justify and vindicate themselves.

"Along with logarithms, calculi and other things we get at college and do not need in after life, a fraternity career is, to my mind, a part of that culture which every student should acquire. To abolish fraternities would be to destroy character building in our educational institutions."—WILLIAM H. TAFT, *Late President of the United States*.

"When in college I found my fraternity associations most delightful and helpful and beneficial. I believe the Greek-letter fraternities, as a rule, exercise a very positive and wholesome influence. I am heartily in favor of them."—CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS, *Former Vice President of United States*.

"Your statement, 'You were a member of a Greek-letter fraternity in your college days,' is true. I smile, however, at that statement because it is only a very small part of the truth. I am still as loyally a member of Sigma Phi as I was in my undergraduate days. Indeed, my affection for, and interest in, Sigma Phi has been augmenting through the years. I owe to my college fraternity a debt which I shall never be able to repay.

"Thus, you see, I believe thoroughly in our Greek-letter fraternities even though, in some institutions, and at some times, the undergraduates in the fraternities have not been properly guided, and have given themselves to excesses and have not recognized their obligation to the fraternity and to the college. At Wesleyan University the fraternities are my right arm of strength in administration. There is not one in which the leading spirits do not stand for the highest and the best."—WILLIAM ARNOLD SHANKLIN, *President of Wesleyan University*.

"I suppose I value my college education as highly as most men, and yet I have often said, and I am glad to say again, that if I had to surrender out of my life the formal learning I got in college or the social and spiritual benefit derived from my college chapter, I would prefer to try some other way of getting the formal learning.

"I went to college without having had much contact with men. Throughout my entire college course and even subsequently thereto my chapter and my fraternity supplied me friends and associates of the most tender, inspiring kind. My life in the chapter house was surrounded by helpfulness and friendliness. I did not discover in my associates any snobbishness toward non-fraternity college men, nor have I ever been willing to believe that a college chapter worthy of our better fraternities could be otherwise than a source of inspiration and emotional benefit, both to its members and to the college life of which it forms a part."—NEWTON BAKER, *Mayor of Cleveland*.

Remarks addressed by Provost Edgar F. Smith, $\Phi K \Psi$, to the freshman class of the University of Pennsylvania, at the close of chapel services, February 8, 1915:

"Boys, when you leave this auditorium you will be met by the representatives of thirty-two Greek-letter societies having chapters in this university. May I offer you one or two thoughts.

"First, I hope that all of you may become members of these Greek-letter societies. These organizations, in the University of Pennsylvania, have been the center of good. They have nothing in them which tends to destroy character, but on the contrary, the membership of these organizations seek to help build up character. In every one of the houses where these societies live, you will find them looking after the younger men, making it a point to see that they do their scholastic work, advising them about the company that they should keep. In other words, good influences are being cast about all the members of these societies.

"You will be bidden to luncheons, to dinners and to parties of all kinds within the next four weeks. Accept the invitations. Go, but make it a point not to remain after a polite period has passed. Go to your rooms; take up your studies. Conduct of this kind will show at once that you are worthy of consideration for membership. I am quite sure that no effort will be made to win you away from your studies.

"The friendships formed in the Greek-letter societies are lasting. I am today as enthusiastic on the subject as I ever was. I feel that I owe a debt of gratitude to my old college fraternity which I can never repay, and because of the good which I experienced and which I have observed throughout all the years of my connection with the university as emanating from these societies, I feel that I would like to have you enjoy a like experience.

"To those who may not be bidden, let me say—conduct yourselves in a quiet, dignified, manly way. Indicate in no way that you feel as if you had been overlooked. Your time will come."

The last speaker, by the way, was the man to whom we owe the establishment of $\Lambda T \Omega$ in the North.

A more practical testimonial to the value of fraternities to the college and the community generally is the action of Northwestern, Virginia, Iowa State and other colleges and universities in assisting fraternities to build houses, either by donating building sites, loaning funds or by both methods at once.

What a refreshing antithesis to the monotonous wrangle over the fraternities' right to exist, to know that Northwestern University is building houses at a cost of from \$20,000 to \$30,000 each for the fraternity, or other student groups. They are building six quadrangles with seven houses each and the terms as given by *The Scroll* are these:

- "1. No charge is made for the ground.
- "2. The cost of the house may be paid in sums to suit each fraternity, so that the payment each year is not less than one ninety-ninth.
- "3. The houses being on university property, there will be no taxes.
- "4. The university agrees to furnish heat and light at cost from the university heating and lighting plants.

"A fifth advantage is that the university, being a partner in the houses, may better exert a restraining influence on any possible excesses among the students who occupy the houses, and might be better disposed to champion the fraternities in case of opposition, legislative or otherwise."—*K K Γ Key*.



THE GREEK PRESS.

The old adage, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," may well be applied to the election of officers in the local chapter. The *Caduceus* of K Σ prints a very interesting article along this line:

It is too much to expect complete and thorough efficiency from the average youth in college; but the standard certainly should be raised considerably. One way in which this should be done is to stop the frequent and useless changing of chapter officers. No good purpose is served by rapid-fire changes. It is claimed that semester elections permit of every member at some time holding the offices. There are two reasons why this will not hold—one is that not one in a dozen will make good in a given office; and the other, the fact that the honors are cheapened until there is no honor. An honor is something to win on merit—not merely to acquire by reason of membership.

It is thoroughly understood that the chapter officers fail in rendering efficient service chiefly, because they do not understand what is to be done and what is to be accomplished. By the time they learn, sometimes much earlier, they are succeeded by another. It is not a matter of individual or personal failure (though this is too true in a few instances), as it is the fault of the system which is quite generally followed. Those of our friends who occasionally speak of internal development will in our judgment find much room for careful study right here. The natural irresponsibility of youth must be taken into consideration and some way to effectively place a responsibility that will be felt and respected. Young men fill positions of trust and responsibility in the business world, and they do so acceptably. They can conduct the affairs of a fraternity chapter, either in connection with a house or otherwise, if the responsibility and trust is fixed.

There is no responsibility connected with the transitory filling of a chapter office.

Φ K Ψ *Shield*, speaking of the new pocket directory of that fraternity, says pithily:

The compilation of a catalogue is not a task to be assumed once in five or ten years, and idly laid aside with the publication of a book; it is a work that, to be well and satisfactorily done, must be kept up diligently about twelve months of every year.

The new directory is substantially in the form originated by Brother Glazebrook of A T Ω in 1907. Its size is practically identical with our latest directory and the number of members recorded is slightly in excess of the present membership of A T Ω.

The following terse truths are from an article on "Comity," by James B. Curtis, President of Δ T Δ, contributed to the *Shield* of Φ K Ψ:

Nowadays, most chapters live in houses. These should be homes, properly supervised. A home is conducted upon the theory that ladies are always present. How many fraternity houses subject themselves to this test? Is the conduct of the members toward one another and the language in constant use, even at the table, such as would be employed were your mother or sister present? If not, you are neglecting one of the simplest things that will go a long way toward making your chapter a power in your community. Americans are, peculiarly, believers in the "home life." If you agree with them, make your "home life" what it should be and see how soon you will occupy a higher position in the life of your college.

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Students who belong to fraternities can do more than any one else, by their daily life, to elevate their own organization and to help all. This arises from the fact that they are under constant observation, not only by the faculty, their families and friends, but the public as well. Too many fraternity men fool themselves by thinking that no one except the brothers in their chapter know of their shortcomings. There is an old saying that there is no fool like the man who fools himself.

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A spirit of comity has come over most fraternities. Those which do not have it and the members of any which do not share it are simply living in the dark ages. They are not progressive and it is the unprogressive organization or man who is bound to lag in the race. If this conclusion hits any one who reads it, it is time for him to rub his eyes, get the sawdust out of his brain and analyze the conditions of the present time.

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Every organization in a college should treat every other one with similar objects with the utmost fairness, unless the latter proves itself unworthy. What is true of organizations is true in reference to individuals. There is altogether too much lack of courtesy among college students. It often leads to bitter dislikes which are not justified. This happens among the boys as individuals and among organizations as such.

How to attain a better spirit of good feeling and congeniality among the different fraternities is a question that no doubt has troubled the Pan-Hellenic associations at many of the larger institutions of learning throughout the country.

The Pan-Hellenic organization of Iowa State College at Ames has hit upon a plan which it believes will foster an even better spirit of friendliness than has been present at the college for a number of years. They have instituted what is commonly known there as "visiting night."

On this "visiting night," which occurs once each week, each fraternity exchanges five of its men to some other fraternity for dinner; the different chapters are not supposed to go to any extra expense in preparing dinner, but are merely to have the usual meal on these occasions. A schedule of the dates of exchange for each organization is prepared by the Pan-Hellenic Council, and each fraternity makes out another schedule of what men shall go out for dinner on these dates.

It is the opinion of the originators of this novel scheme, that if the plan is carried on throughout the year, each man will have met and become more closely acquainted with all the men in the other national fraternity chapters. This means a good deal to the average college man, for it is very seldom that a person becomes acquainted with near all the other fraternity men in the college. At least this is true at this institution where there are but fourteen national fraternities, which is really a small number in comparison with the chapters present in a number of larger institutions.—*Σ A E Record*.

An interesting summary of the three periods of development of the college fraternity system was given in an address delivered by Mr. Charles F. Lamkin, former president of the general council of $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$, before the convention of $B \Sigma \Theta$, as reported in the journal of the same name.

The system has had three periods of growth. Originally a close corporation of congenial spirits, founded more to promote literary studies than to cultivate brotherly love, it was always loosely organized, outlawed frequently, and never meeting except in secret. Its second period was marked by its coming into the open, by the frequent neglect of scholarship and the development of the idea of brotherhood to the extreme, accompanied by dissipation and unbounded license in many instances. The excesses of that time still are remembered and the present chapters are still held to account—the sins of the fathers are being visited on the children. A third period came with a demand from the fraternities themselves for higher scholarship and for rigid morality. With this

period came the building of magnificent chapter houses and the perfecting of a system of supervision and control by competent and responsible governing bodies. Property always brings sobriety and conservatism and the acquiring of houses has made the irresponsible undergraduate, ready for a violation of discipline or any excess in the college community, change into the sober conservator of the good name and honor of his Alma Mater. If this were the only result of the fraternity system it would be justified.—*Σ A E Record*.

An election to $\Phi B K$ is a recognition of scholarship, and the large proportion of women who are elected to it in coeducational colleges indicates that women are much better students than men. At the University of Illinois the ratio of men to women students is about 5 to 1, yet last year only nine men were elected to $\Phi B K$ to seventeen women. At Northwestern the men and women are about equal in number, but in recent elections to $\Phi B K$ only thirteen men were chosen to twenty-two women. At Stanford the ratio is about three men to one woman, but of nine students elected eight were women and one a Japanese man, which moves Mr. Banta of the *Greek Exchange* to remark: "It is a pitiful showing that the lord of creation makes when he enters the lists against his sisters. We don't wonder that he is so often in opposition to coeducation—it shows him up. With lordly superiority he leaves mere intellectual work to the coeds while he bends his magnificent mind to such real things of life as football and similar manifold occupations."—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

An article by Mr. John D. Carroll, Grand President of $\Pi K \Phi$, published in *Banta's Greek Exchange*, narrates the sad history and present status of fraternities in the State of South Carolina. Fraternities were prohibited by Erskine College in 1892 and by The Citadel in 1895. The legislature in 1897 enacted a law which prohibited fraternities in institutions supported by public funds. This abolished fraternities in the University of South Carolina and The Citadel, and prevented them from entering Clemson College (the State A. and M. College). Fraternities were prohibited by the Presbyterian College of South Carolina in 1898 and by Wofford College in 1906. This left only two institutions in the state where fraternities are not prohibited—the College of Charleston and Newberry College. At Newberry there are no fraternities, and they are looked upon with disfavor. At Charleston there are chapters of $K A$ and $A T \Omega$, the only fraternities now in the state.— $\Phi A \theta$ *Scroll*.

The July issue of *Banta's Greek Exchange* contains 140 pages and so many interesting, instructive and valuable articles that we are tempted to quote whole pages. Especially illuminating is an article on "The Fraternity and Scholarship," by Dr. Thomas Arkle Clark, $A T \Omega$, Dean of Men in the University of Illinois. The essays on different phases of fraternity work and life, which he has written, are much the best of the

kind that we have ever read, and if collected and republished in book form would make an invaluable addition to standard fraternity literature.—*Φ Α Θ Scroll.*

There is something almost magical about the attraction between President Woodrow Wilson and Kappa Sigmas. One brother put him over and married his daughter; another is his personal physician; and now he is about to wed the sister of a third, Rolfe E. Bolling (Σ, Virginia).—*Κ Σ Caduceus.*



THEM ALUMNI!

Pessimistic paragraphs are going round to the effect that the average alumnus would be bored to death by the chapter letters in his fraternity magazine if he read them, and that the letters themselves have nothing to relate but athletic matters, mostly trivial at that. This complaint is founded on imaginary facts. The average—not the exceptional, the average—chapter letter gives a very fair view of college life as it strikes the undergraduate. So long as the alumnus remains in personal communication with his chapter, and both do their respective parts in keeping the line open, there will be no difficulty about the interest of any letter that tells how things are going with the chapter, its members, and their college. As the years pass, the alumnus comes to understand the undergraduate way of thinking, and to be more and more interested in it. Sometimes he may also be vastly entertained by it; but he will be interested. There is nothing in the nature of things that should make chapter letters poor reading. Such they are not, to any man who knows and loves even one college, one chapter, one fraternity.—*Κ Σ Caduceus.*

Does the chapter value its alumni as much as it expects the alumni to value the chapter? Does the chapter think of the alumni at any time other than when it needs money? To write personal letters sometimes to the alumni in which there was no mention of money might pay in dollars and cents when money was the theme. The *Κ Α Journal* states it clearly.

There are alumni in all fraternities that will throw away without reading or even opening a communication showing on its face that it comes from the dear old chapter because they have never received a message of any character other than a dun. Alumni are human beings and, regardless of years of mistreatment or neglect on the part of their chapter, will respond to a friendly message and a kind thought. Their interest, in fact, will be increased with every such message received, and in time they will be in a position to be successfully approached upon any subject. There is no investment a chapter can make that will compare in results with that of an alumni communication, and the time will shortly arrive when every chapter worth while will be in line with this movement.—*Σ Α Ε Record.*

Probably no better method can be found to keep alumni interested in the fraternity than that which is now being used by several fraternity chapters. The chapters at Los Angeles (alumni), Nebraska, Ohio State, California, New York University and Minnesota are publishing little news sheets of their own which keep the alumni in close touch with the active chapter and inform them of the movements of the men who were active in their time. *Π K A* at Iowa State College has a fifty-page chapter publication which appears five times a year, called *The Ram*. The *Δ X* chapter at Marietta ran a daily news sheet throughout the first semester each year for the purpose of instructing the freshmen.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

The sight recently of an invitation to a fraternity man from an undergraduate brother, running—"we want all you *alumnae*, etc."—caused me to writhe for the honored and useful, but sadly abused Latin language.

The words *alumnus*, *alumna*, *alumni* and *alumnae*, incorrectly pronounced, may go unassailed, for it is the habit of the Latin in our mouths to change its pronunciation with every rising generation; but in black and white they must be employed with careful consideration for the sake of the reputation of a college education and for the respect of ourselves as college products.

Let every graduate Theta note that she is an *alumna* (tra la!), and one of the *alumnae* (as in tea): also, that her "gentleman friend" may be an *alumnus* (as in fuss), and two or more of him are *alumni* (oh, my eye!).—*A Γ Δ Quarterly*.



PASSING THE MUSTARD.

An admired sorority journal says editorially: "May we make one entirely disinterested and impersonal comment? The thought of the average fraternity magazine is, we think, excellent; its expression, abominable. The structure of the English sentence is frequently and flagrantly wronged. And the reason is either ignorance or carelessness. May we suggest that neither are justified?" You may. Yet we are at a loss to foresee what are going to be done about it.—*K Σ Caduceus*.

Smallpox is no particular blessing, but the straw that broke the back of the *Σ X*'s at Albion was the following notice which appeared on the trees of the campus, when the chapter was quarantined for smallpox:

All young ladies who have been associating with Sigma Chi in any matter whatsoever, report to the health officer at once.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

Everybody's old friend, the *Scroll* of *Θ Δ Θ*, is printed in more different small sizes of type than ever. We thank our stars we did not overlook the best thing in the number, one of those unintentional gems: "Deru,

a senior society at Northwestern, self-perpetrating for nineteen years." That has always been our honest opinion about most of the class and special societies, but we lacked the golden word until now.—*K Σ Caducus*.



SPEAKING OF GOATS.

For some reason or other a goat typifies equilibrium. We very often hear it said "That got my goat." A goat is a peaceful animal because he belongs to the lamb family. At least he looks like a lamb. His habits are peaceful, no doubt, because so well equipped to fight. But, be that as it may, there must be some relation between a goat and peace—for just the minute one's goat begins to wander—or some incident takes him away—discord and chaos prevail. So it is quite appropriate that a goat should typify one's self—for to be master of one's goat is to be master of one's self; and we are told that is a difficult thing to do. Probably that is wherein the kinship lies—for though ordinarily a peaceful animal, it takes but little to put our goat on the war path. And if one will recognize their goat as their own thoughts—it will be easier to control them and always maintain that poise which indicates mastery. To be master is to keep the goat at home, browsing in his own garden, destroying discontent, hate, fear, discouragement, irritation and a thousand other weeds which multiply and grow when the goat has strayed away. Therefore, always keep your goat at home, and let nothing entice him away.—*Σ A E Record*.



"MATERIAL."

Φ Δ X (Pharm.) is about to hold its Grand Council meeting and is discussing the much mooted question of whether a student may be a loyal member of both an academic and a professional fraternity. The *Communicator* sums up the whole argument in the following terse lines:

Is it possible for any one to carry two fraternities while in college and be loyal to them both? Not unless one is an honorary fraternity. A person will always go to the first one of his choice as his fraternity mother and the other is a side issue.

What is fraternity material? How often out of the innumerable times that they have this question put to them, can fraternity people really express in words what it is that the fraternity demands in the way of quality? They know fraternity material when they meet it, but they find it hard to tell just exactly what it is.

Is it position—family? No, because we have known of several instances where daughters of prominent men have not been sorority girls, in the schools they attended. Is it money? Indeed, it is not. We can all tell of instances of the children of wealthy parents not receiving a fraternity bid. Just what is it, then?

By close observation and thought on the subject we think we have discovered just what makes a student "fraternity material." It is his ability to contribute something to the chapter. Of course, fraternities are often fooled in judging rushees. But they are always sincere in thinking that a member is going to be an asset to them, as a scholar, a mixer, a promoter of college activities or an influence for good inside the chapter. Then, also, every chapter has certain social obligations, just as every family has. There must be somebody in the chapter who is willing to "lend his fair presence" at the functions where it is absolutely necessary for the fraternity to be represented. There are, many times, fewer persons like this in the chapter than one would imagine. This is an age, too, where *personality* counts for a great deal in the fraternity as well as in the outside world.

So we might almost say that the word *service* is the open sesame to membership in a fraternity. If you have anything that the fraternity wants, the fraternity wants you. And the things that the fraternity wants are, after all, pretty practical things.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

The *Shield of $\Phi K \Psi$* has an interesting article on the question, "What Constitutes Proper Material for Phi Kappa Psi?" The particular objectives used may bear some sort of esoteric relation to the ritual, but they are everyday adjectives and we commend them.

Here in six adjectives is contained the complete answer to the question, "What constitutes proper material for the fraternity?" Here is established the test which must be applied to all.

Loyal; is the young man true to his college and his home, or is he ashamed of father or mother? Will he stand up for his friends? Will he fight just as hard when the game is going against him?

Brave; is he physically brave? Yes, but far more important, is he morally courageous? Has he the courage of his convictions; if he finds certain practices prevailing in college of which his conscience does not approve, will he have the moral courage to stand out against them even though they are in his own house?

Honest; can he be relied upon to meet his obligations and not to cheat in examinations; yes, but still more important, is he honorable enough not to accept any advantage of any sort if gained through unfair means?

Unselfish; is he the sort who will labor while others receive the reward? Is he willing to pass the ball and let the other fellow score? Will he put the welfare of the chapter ahead of his own personal desires?

Helpful and kind; what is his attitude toward his mother and sister? Will he be considerate of the interests and feelings of other brothers? Will his presence stimulate the best in others?—*S A E Record*.

A poor boy can be a good fellow as well as can the rich, and he can become as good a fraternity man, and receive as much success as any other. So in rushing, be democratic and choose from both sides. Choose the man.—*Q R O Journal*.



GREEK GOSSIP.

For the last few years the propriety and advisability of rebuilding or rearranging the several junior fraternity houses of the college has been widely discussed. Naturally, there were two sides to the question, involving, as any change did, a radical departure from traditional junior fraternity life. One result of the discussion has been seen in the much greater intermingling of members of the several fraternities. *Z Psi*, in 1912, took a long step ahead in holding an "open-house" evening, inviting the members of the other fraternities, and members of the faculty, on that occasion to the performance of "The Beggar's Opera" in its auditorium. Since then, campus public opinion has been gradually coming to the point where it was ready for the "open-house" fraternity building itself, in which the private chapter room of the fraternity would be, as it is generally in *Sheff*, so constructed as to permit the free opening of the remainder of the house to non-members.

B Theta Pi is now constructing a fraternity house on this new plan. It has bought the old brick residence of Prof. Tracey Peck on High Street, between Elm and Wall, and is at present removing this to the rear of the lot. In front, during the coming winter, a new building will be erected, three stories high, to conform to the new idea.—*Yale Alumni Weekly*.

The convention of the *K Alpha Theta* Sorority, held at Gearhart, Oregon, in June, ordered publication of a new catalogue and a song book. The scholarship fund committee reported that during 1914-15 twelve girls were aided in completing their college courses. The convention of the *A Xi Omega* Sorority held at Long Beach, Cal., in June, voted to establish a scholarship loan fund, and adopted the plan of having all initiates become life subscribers to *The Lyre*. The *Convention Transcript* was issued daily during the convention, as has been done at conventions of *A T Omega*, *Sigma Alpha Epsilon* and other fraternities.—*Phi Alpha Scroll*.

Sigma Kappa Triangle recently published an article on "Fraternity Sisters and Sorority Brothers." This tells us that at least two women have been initiated into *B Theta Pi*—a Miss Bennett and a Miss Crocker were taken into Wabash chapter in 1860. In 1861 when the call to arms came *Sigma Alpha Epsilon* at Kentucky Military Institute gave its records to a Miss Patty to keep and when she turned them over to them, intact, when the college opened again, the chapter, in gratitude, initiated her. Miss Carothers, of Oxford, Mississippi, was made a member of the University of Mississippi chapter of *Phi Alpha Theta* in 1878 or thereabouts. Besides an account of our own man member, George Banta, the article says that Dr. Charles Richardson, a *K Sigma*, is a member of *A Xi Omega*.

$\Delta \Gamma$ had thought she held rather a unique position with her one man member, but we must share honors with $X \Omega$. These two fraternities can surely claim that they had no help outside the fraternity when their constitutions and rituals were first made.—*Quoted from The Anchora of \Delta \Gamma*.

If a fraternity is ten years old in New York State, it can have arrested any person not a member who is wearing their pin, provided the culprit be not a member of the gentler sex who has the full permission of the fraternity to so adorn herself. An amendment to New York State laws has made it "a misdemeanor to wear the insignia of any society or other organization of ten years' standing in the state unless entitled to do so by the laws of the organization."—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

The fraternities and sororities have made a new rule prohibiting their members from taking cabs or hired vehicles to university parties except in case of inclement weather. The penalty for violation of the rule is that the fraternity to which the individual belongs will be allowed to hold no parties during the following four months. There has also been some agitation in regard to the wearing of flowers, but no ruling was made and it still remains a personal matter.—*University of Nebraska chapter letter, Anchora of \Delta \Gamma*.

Present indications show that petitions will probably be received this fall from societies at the Carnegie Technical Schools, Washington and Jefferson, Wesleyan, and the Universities of South Dakota and Kansas.—*\Delta \Gamma Quarterly*.

At their recent conventions both ΣX and $\Delta K E$ adopted uniform rituals. In the case of the former fraternity its use by all the chapters was made compulsory.—*\Delta T \Delta Rainbow*.



CHAPTER HOUSE FIRES.

Fires in fraternity houses are getting to be alarmingly frequent—several a year, and the insurance companies are considering the question of not issuing policies on chapter houses. During the last year a house of Southern $K A$ at Sewanee and a house of $K A \theta$ at Illinois were destroyed by fire; and a house of ΔX at Michigan and a house of $K \Sigma$ at California were damaged by fire, each to the amount of \$2,000. During some recent years the financial loss has been even larger, and in some cases there was loss of life. Every chapter should carry full insurance and use every precaution against such disasters.—*\Phi \Delta \theta Scroll*.

Fraternity home fires continue to give warnings that the greatest preventive precautions should be taken. $K \Sigma$ recently lost a home by fire at Baker University.—*\Phi \Delta \theta Scroll*.

STRAYED FRATERNITY PINS.

The following clipping has been going the rounds of the fraternity press:

The college sophomore, his newly acquired Greek-letter pin fairly burning his breast with its brightness, and his hands itching to practice the secret grip with every unsuspecting passerby, would do well to make a tour of inspection of the pawnshops along Park Row and the Bowery. There he will find the pin which he thought never budged from the ostentatious semi-concealment of the vest-pocket lapel vulgarly displayed to the public at large from the brilliantly lighted window of the pawnbroker. And, to make the disillusionment complete, the pin too often has a price tag attached.

Such a tour, recently made, located over sixty pins displayed by avuncular establishments, which can be bought for a half or two-thirds of their original cost. $\Delta \Upsilon$ and $A \Delta \Phi$ were close rivals for the honor of pawnbrokers' favorite, it being won by the former by a score of 10 to 9; while $B \theta \Pi$ came third with 7.

The best collection was found on Park Row, near the Brooklyn Bridge. Here, marshaled in orderly rank and file, could be seen the insignia of many rivals of the college world. A complete list includes $\Delta \Upsilon$, $A \Delta \Phi$, $B \theta \Pi$, $A T \Omega$, ΣX , $\Phi \Delta \theta$, $K \Sigma$, $\Delta K E$, $\Sigma A E$, $\Psi \Upsilon$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $X \Phi$, $\Phi \Delta \Phi$, $\Sigma \Phi$, and one each of $A \Phi$ and $K A \theta$, girls' sororities.

The $\Delta K E$ pin at this address was by far the most interesting, being of the design used a generation ago, and also having the word Yale in gold letters upon it. Besides these pins, there were several of the high-school variety. A little farther up Park Row were to be seen a $\Delta \Phi$, a $B \theta \Phi$, and a $\Sigma A \Phi$ pin, as well as a $\Sigma \Psi$, and a jeweled $A \Delta \Phi$ pin marked \$6.

Collecting of fraternity jewelry is not restricted to pawnshops alone. On Broadway, near Thirty-seventh Street, a curiosity shop displays pins of the $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Phi \Delta \Phi$, $A T \Omega$, $A \Phi$ and $\Delta \Phi$ fraternities. At all these establishments similar rules seem to prevail. The pins can be inspected at close range by stepping inside, but no visitor can remove a pin from its moorings, forceful expulsion invariably following such an attempt. The reason for this is that on the back of each pin is engraved the name of the original owner and the chapter to which he belongs.

At one pawnshop, however, a waiting list is kept, and as soon as a pin comes into its possession the proper person is notified, and the pin straightway rescued from infidel hands. Not only are these signs of collegiate social distinction for sale, but $\Phi B K$ keys, symbols of light and learning, may likewise be had for a dollar each.

How and where these golden trademarks come from is a mystery which the pawnbrokers refuse to divulge, always replying vaguely but firmly, "Oh, they come to us every now and then. If you don't want to buy, get out."—*New York Evening Post*.

The *Beta Theta Pi* comments on this article and states that in former times fraternity officers made a practice of picking up these pins when they strayed into the hands of "Uncle Isaac," but that as soon as the aforesaid Uncle found out that there was a good market for such goods he boosted the price and began ordering in wholesale quantities. That a fraternity badge is found in a pawn shop is no proof that it ever belonged to a fraternity man.

Margaret Choate, *Δ Δ*, had an interesting experience with a *Tri Delta* pin this winter. She saw one adorning a colored woman, so "went to her house, paid her \$3, and came back with the pin." The Trident attached to it contained the chapter letter *Z*, so the chapter was notified. It was discovered that the pin belonged to Lavine Perrin Gray and was lost by her on a river excursion trip in 1896.—*The Trident of Δ Δ Δ*.



COLLEGE NOTES.

Governor Dunne's approval of the University of Illinois appropriation bill, carrying \$5,000,000 for the two years, is justly described as a notable event in American higher education. The sum is the largest ever appropriated by a single act to a single institution of the kind in the country; while its increase over the \$4,500,000 voted in 1913 indicates the rapidity with which the revenue brought to the university by the mill-tax will grow.

The bill met with some preliminary opposition, for while the mill-tax law provides that the income may be used by the University of Illinois alone, an attempt was made to force a division of it with the normal schools. Its passage unamended, by a virtually unanimous vote, with the support of all parties, confirms the law in a way that will now be binding. With the growth of the property values in the state, the university should in its income shortly draw ahead of most of its rivals.

It was under a Republican administration that the mill-tax act was passed, and there were free predictions that the more economical Democrats, representing in greater degree the Irish Catholic influence of Chicago, would repeal or mutilate it. Yet the Democratic Governor Dunne has been its staunch defender. For this permanent and liberal provision for its growth, the university has chiefly to thank the sagacious efforts of President James.—*New York Evening Post*.

The board of regents of the University of Minnesota has approved the \$1,500,000 foundation proposed by Drs. William J. Mayo and Charles H. Mayo and several associates. The income of this foundation is to be used for graduate medical and surgical instruction and research carried

on under the direction of the board of regents, at Rochester, Minnesota, or elsewhere within the borders of the state. This arrangement is to continue for six years. If found satisfactory the foundation will then pass permanently into the hands of the board of regents.—*Φ Δ Θ Scroll.*

J. Donald Duncan yesterday swam to his degree at Columbia University. He was already to march with the graduates when an officer informed him he had not taken his swimming "exam," which meant the B. A. degree, ready for him, might be withheld until autumn.

Duncan found the swimming instructor, dashed to the locker room, took off his handsome new spring suit, didn't wait to put on a swimming costume, but plunged in and went through his aquatic paces.

He did them so well that in fifteen minutes he had a perfect mark. Also he had ten minutes in which to get into his new clothes again and join the graduates, who never guessed why Duncan had such splendid color and looked so excited over his B. A.—*New York Herald.*

The Carnegie Institute of Technology, new but richly endowed institution, is in Schenley Park, just across the road from the University of Pittsburgh. The scientific fraternity *Θ Ε* is the only fraternity that has as yet entered Carnegie. There are in the institute about twenty-five members of the faculty and students who have been members of various national fraternities at other institutions, and these men have conceived the idea of organizing a Pan-Hellenic Association, which, it is hoped, may be of assistance to the various local societies in obtaining charters. A permanent organization was begun at a dinner held at the Schenley Hotel, October 29, 1915.—*Φ Δ Θ Scroll.*

The University of Pittsburgh had 2,957 students on November 1, 1914, an increase of 1,069 over the previous year, showing a greater increase than any other institution in the United States, not counting summer students. The new students on October 14, 1915, numbered 1,119, of whom the freshmen in the various schools numbered 821. So far only three general fraternities have chapters there—*Σ Χ*, *Σ Α Ε* and *Δ Τ Δ*—but there are several professional fraternities, several sororities, and a number of locals applying to national fraternities for charters.—*Φ Δ Θ Scroll.*

Hereafter, Lawrence Scientific, a department of Harvard University, will be a graduate school, and Harvard will have no technical school for undergraduates. The university has done an entirely unprecedented thing in offering to transfer to Massachusetts Institute of Technology the bequest of \$5,000,000 left by Gordon McKay to establish and maintain a scientific school. However, Harvard's relations to M. I. T. will be very close when the latter occupies the new \$3,000,000 buildings being erected for it at Cambridge.—*Φ Δ Θ Scroll.*

According to *Banta's Greek Exchange* there are 55 fraternity men among West Point cadets, as follows: Southern $\kappa \alpha$, 7; $\Sigma \chi$, 6; $\Sigma \alpha \epsilon$, 5; $\phi \iota \theta$, $\alpha \tau \omega$, $\delta \tau \delta$, $\delta \kappa \epsilon$, $\phi \kappa \psi$, $\Sigma \eta$ and $\zeta \psi$, 4 each; $\phi \Gamma \delta$ and $\kappa \Sigma$, 3 each; $\theta \delta \chi$, 2; $B \theta \Pi$, $\alpha \Sigma \phi$, $\Pi \kappa \alpha$, $\psi \Gamma$, $\delta \phi$ and $\kappa \psi$ ($\chi \psi$?), 1 each.

At the University of Texas a restriction not known elsewhere has been laid upon the fraternities. Whenever the term average of any fraternity chapter does not exceed the general average for the whole student body, that chapter is forbidden to initiate its pledges until its record again rises above the average.— $\kappa \Sigma$ *Caduceus*.

The Michigan Student Union, founded ten years ago, is working to raise \$750,000 to equip a building at University of Michigan. It is to be a dormitory building, with swimming pool, billiard rooms, meeting rooms, dining hall, lounging room and large banquet hall.— $\kappa \kappa \Gamma$ *Key*.

WILLIAM C. SMILEY.

The Alumni

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Moore (Kentucky), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Follett (M. I. T.), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Afflerbach (Muhlenberg), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. Harvie Ward (North Carolina), a daughter,
Emily Clarke Ward, January 24, 1916.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Nelson (Tufts), a son, October
23, 1915.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Wellman (Tufts), a daughter,
November 15, 1915.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Crosby (Worcester), a son, Joseph
Elton Crosby, Jr., October 26, 1915.

ENGAGEMENTS.

F. W. Hawkins (Adrian) and Miss Hazel Mann, of Onstead,
Michigan.

Thomas Soule (Adrian) and Miss Florence Butler, of Morenci,
Michigan.

L. H. Woodruff (Alabama) and Miss Margaret Houser, of
Anniston, Alabama.

Earl H. Whitman (Colorado) and Miss Katherine Leslie, of
Pueblo, Colorado.

C. D. Howe (M. I. T.) and Miss Alice M. Worcester.

W. T. Moog (St. Lawrence) and Miss Helen Moodey, of Plain-
field, New Jersey.

Charles B. Ensley (Simpson) and Miss Mabel Galvin, of
Walnut, Iowa.

Herman J. Kern (Simpson) and Miss Elsie Martin, of India-
nola, Iowa.

Howard F. Sones (Simpson) and Miss Mae Roberts, of Boone, Iowa.

Glen L. Wilson (Simpson) and Miss Vera Martin, of Indianola, Iowa.

MARRIAGES.

DeVane K. Jones (Alabama) and Miss Alice Jones, of Birmingham, Alabama, February 23, 1916.

Herman Laub (Cornell).

Denham Palmer (Florida) and Miss Lucille Jurey, at Chicago, Illinois, September 20, 1915.

Garnet A. Joslin (M. I. T.) and Miss Jessie Heber.

Frederick I. Sutton (North Carolina) and Miss Annie Gray Fry, at Greensboro, North Carolina, November 10, 1915.

G. A. Kelley (St. Lawrence) and Miss Mae Horr, at Watertown, New York, November 10, 1915.

Walter S. Frost (Tufts) and Miss Selma Proudfoot, at West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Robert E. Wood (Tufts) and Miss Gertrude M. Anderson, at Orange, Massachusetts, December 6, 1915.

Joseph Crusan (Washington and Jefferson).

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Karl W. Farr (Colorado) from 620 Ernest and Cranmer Building, Denver, Colo., to Victor, Colo.

Johnson E. Naugle (Colorado) from 315 North Eighth Street, Boise, Idaho, to Sterling, Colo.

A. F. Stillman (Cornell) from 45 Park Avenue, Elizabeth, N. J., to Hampton Hall, Cranford, N. J.

Francis B. Carter, Jr. (Florida), from Pensacola, Fla., to Marianna, Fla.

John B. Sutton (Florida) from Gainesville, Fla., to Lakeland, Fla.

F. E. Brodnax (Georgia) from Box 1122, Jacksonville, Fla., to Box 391, Columbia, S. C.

O. R. Mellin (Gettysburg) from 1248 Dagmar Avenue, S. S., Pittsburgh, Pa., to 517 Federal Street, McKeesport, Pa.

H. H. Pennock (Gettysburg) from 1111 Seventh Avenue,

Altoona, Pa., to 11 North Thirty-fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Charles H. Thompson (Gettysburg) from 499 South Potomac Avenue, Waynesboro, Pa., to 3617 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

A. E. Ewan (Kentucky) from Lexington, Ky., to Greenville, Ky.

R. Leslie Jones (Kentucky) from 874 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., to Box 29, Durham, N. C.

E. R. Brown (Marietta) from Corsicana, Texas, to 4916 Junius Street, Dallas, Texas.

Harold G. Jenks (M. I. T.) from 183 Cross Street, Malden, Mass., to R. F. D. No. 1, Ipswich, Mass.

Clifford E. Sifton (M. I. T.) from Hood River, Ore., to 316 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass.

D. Roy Hay (Mercer) from Sylvester, Ga., to Valdosta, Ga.

Carl L. Bradt (Michigan) from 409 First National Bank Building, Houston, Tex., to care Detroit Steel Products Company, Detroit, Mich.

Willard M. Cornelius (Michigan) from Morenci, Mich., to Lansing, Mich.

H. B. Carroll, Jr. (Minnesota), from 601 Sampson Street, Ellensburg, Wash., to Sprague, Wash.

Webster Robnett (Missouri) from Gainesville, Fla., to Barton, Fla.

Carl A. Naylor (Oregon) from 243 North Richland Street, Indianapolis, Ind., to 111 South Beaudry Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

H. E. Case (St. Lawrence) from Canton, N. Y., to Blue Mountain Lake, N. Y.

M. Y. Dabney (Sewanee) from Kelly Hospital, Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Md., to 1231 South Ninth Street, Birmingham, Ala.

Robert N. Ward (Sewanee) from 4553 South Third Street, Louisville, Ky., to Henderson, Ky.

C. W. Scholefield (Stanford) from 1070 Pine Street, San Francisco, Cal., to 1619 Jaynes Street, Berkeley, Cal.

Joseph R. McFarland (Washington and Jefferson) from 5627 Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, Ill., to 430 South Sixth Street, La Grange, Ill.

Walter S. Frost (Tufts) from Amherst, Mass., to 969 East State Street, Ithaca, N. Y.

Donald P. Ritschy (Tufts) from 18 Virginia Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., to 5871 Drexel Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Robert A. Healy (Vermont) from Chesterfield, Mass., to P. O. Box 7, Manchester, N. H.

C. S. Dunn (Washington State) from 2707 Colby Avenue, Everett, Wash., to Box 1007, Spokane, Wash.

Otis D. Welsch (Washington State) from Belmont, Nev., to Tonopah, Nev.

Walter M. Leonard (Western Reserve) from Chicago, Ill., to 1440 West Tenth Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

H. L. Blankenburg (Wisconsin) from Detroit, Mich., to 456 Second Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.

Venerable William F. Hood (Wisconsin), Archdeacon of La Crosse, from Eau Claire, Wis., to Box 188, Rice Lake, Wis.

Paul C. Howes (Worcester) from Gardner, Mass., to 318 Arnold Street, New Bedford, Mass.



ABOUT JUDGE LONG.

Here's a little clipping from a North Carolina newspaper that gives us an excuse for telling the Fraternity about Judge Long. Brother Long was one of the charter members of the Trinity chapter. At the Lexington, Kentucky, Congress of 1874 he was elected Junior Grand Chief, the second highest executive office of those days. The Fraternity was just then entering into its lean years. In a short time it became almost moribund. It is not necessary to set down all the circumstances of a crisis that almost wiped Alpha Tau Omega from the face of creation. One man, practically alone and altogether unaided—Judge Long—kept the fast expiring spark of fraternity spirit alive. But for his efforts the Fraternity would not have lasted long enough to meet again in Raleigh in 1876. When it did meet only three chapters were represented by delegates and one of these three surrendered its charter during the Congress. At this serious juncture the Fraternity needed a hero who would sacrifice money, time, business for it, and Judge Long found the man. He rose

one day upon the Congress floor and nominated a man who was not at Congress—Joseph R. Anderson—who was unanimously elected. Brother Long was authorized to notify Anderson of his appointment and, of course, every one now knows how Anderson put Alpha Tau Omega back upon the map. But the Fraternity does not so well know that in that great achievement B. F. Long was his most energetic and most useful compeer and with Anderson labored long and arduously to that end. The Fraternity rests under lasting obligations to Judge Long and it is always glad to record his work in these pages.

Through the efforts of Superior Court Judge B. F. Long, an ancient deed conveying the top of Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Rocky Mountains, to Margaret E. Mitchell, daughter of Prof. Elisha Mitchell, who discovered the height of the mountains which bears his name, has been brought to light, and may make a material change in the plans made by the State of North Carolina for securing the mountain top as a state park.

Professor Mitchell, the discoverer of the fact that Mount Mitchell is the highest point east of the Rockies, is buried at the top of the mountain, his grave surmounted by a monument, and the last legislature appropriated \$20,000 for the purpose of buying enough land surrounding the grave for a state park, dedicated to the last resting place of the noted scientist.

By virtue of various papers, Mrs. Alice Connally, a leading society woman of this city, claimed possession of the plot on which Doctor Mitchell is buried, and fixed the price of five acres, which she claimed to own, at \$10,000. This has caused the deal to hang fire until Judge Long, now a venerable and honored member of the Superior Court bench, happened to remember that, as a young lawyer, back in 1888, he had drawn up a deed conveying the property in question to one of Professor Mitchell's daughters. He immediately instituted a search for the missing deed, and, after considerable search, located it on file in the office of the Buncombe County registrar of deeds.

Judge Long states that, by reason of this deed, title to the property rests in the heirs-at-law of Margaret Mitchell, she having died at Statesville several years ago. Judge Long immediately telegraphed Governor Craig, telling him of the discovery of the missing deed, and received a message in reply thanking him for his efforts and stating that he (Judge Long) had undoubtedly saved the State much trouble and expense.

THOMAS BACK AT HIS JOB.

Dr. N. Wiley Thomas (Tau), our first initiate in the North, and our greatest missionary, is again Chief of the Bureau of Gas of Philadelphia from which he resigned several years ago when a change of administration occurred. The *Public Ledger* of a recent date says:

Dr. N. Wiley Thomas was reinstated by Director Datesman yesterday as Chief of the Bureau of Gas, to succeed Judson C. Dickerman, who was appointed to the place by ex-Director Cooke in October, 1912. Mr. Dickerman was dismissed by Director Datesman last week after declining to resign at the Director's request. Doctor Thomas was, in like manner, removed from the position, which he had held since 1899, by ex-Director Cooke, who appointed Mr. Dickerman.

Councils showed resentment at the change by reducing the salary of the office from \$5,000, which Doctor Thomas had been receiving, to \$2,500 and refused to accede to repeated requests of ex-Mayor Blankenburg for restoration of the salary to the former figures because of Mr. Dickerman's expert knowledge of the gas industry. Announcement that Doctor Thomas had been restored to his former place gave rise yesterday to the rumor that the present Councils again will fix the salary at \$5,000.

Doctor Thomas, who is a son of the late Rev. Samuel W. Thomas, was born and educated in Philadelphia. After attending Rugby Academy he entered the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated from the latter institution with the class of 1881, in the scientific school of the college department. He taught for a short time in Wittenberg College before he completed his course of study for the doctor of philosophy degree in Muhlenberg, and was subsequently made Asa Packer professor of natural and applied science in Muhlenberg College, which position, after several years' service, he resigned to accept the chair of chemistry and physics in Girard College, where he taught for 14 years.

Doctor Thomas belongs to several scientific societies and maintains an interest in the college organizations of his student days. Some years ago Wooster University conferred upon him the degree of master of arts, while last June Muhlenberg gave him the degree of doctor of science.



BEWARE OF THE FRATERNITY FAKER.

The Philadelphia *Public Ledger* tells a story of Horace B. Reed (California) which is at once instructive and interesting.

A brand-new model confidence game, worked out especially for fraternity men, has arrived. Although it is very simple, it is risky

work. The operator poses as a fraternity brother and obtains a "brotherly loan" from his victim, usually as much as he can get.

The game first came to light last night. Horace B. Reed, an Alpha Tau Omega man, was working in his office late when a shaggy looking individual entered and became friendly. The person, who introduced himself as Jackson Reynolds, of Oakland, California, was a "bum," in Reed's opinion. Reed wondered why and whence came all the friendliness, until the man, seeing the pin on Reed's vest, exclaimed: "Why, I'm a member of your fraternity."

"What fraternity?" asked Reed. "Your fraternity," parried the man, looking closely at the pin, "the Geeps."

"Oh, you mean the Geks," replied Reed, thinking of the G. E. K.'s, the Gamma Etta Kappa Fraternity, a high school organization.

"Yes," said the man.

Reed then explained that he had mistaken his pin, as they are similar, both being Maltese crosses. Reed, however, knew the "Geks" well and didn't like to refuse to aid one. Reed excused himself and phoned B. K. Wolfe, grand recorder, to look in the catalogue for a Jackson Reynolds in the Oakland chapter. The name was there and Reed was almost convinced. The man then came to the point, saying he was in financial difficulties and asked Reed to telegraph his parents at 3101 Summit Avenue, Oakland, for car fare to return home. Reed agreed, for the story carried conviction, and told the man to call today for the money, which amounted to nearly \$100.

The man arrived on time today, but no answer to the telegram. Two "Gek" friends of Reed, Richard Scholes and Wayne Steel, also arrived to talk with the man. Both "Geks" gave "Reynolds" the fraternity grip, but he failed to respond. They also casually mentioned several passwords in the course of their conversation which were likewise ignored. They then were convinced that the man was not a "Gek."

"Reynolds" explained that he had "only been a member for two months in 1904" and had forgotten the signs. A fraternity man is always a fraternity man and he never forgets his grip and passwords.

The three then excused themselves to phone to Wolfe again, and in their absence the man fled. He did not wait for the elevators, but rushed down four flights of stairs and out into the street, where he disappeared.



WALTER PAGE'S BIG JOB.

Walter H. Page (Trinity) is naturally much in the public eye these days and it may be superogatory to reprint what is said of him. Yet here is an article that reveals a very interesting glimpse of the hard-worked Ambassador who was the chairman of Alpha Tau Omega's first catalogue committee—way back in 1877:

The name of the busiest American in Europe today is Walter Hines Page.

To average Americans who may think that an American ambassador in London is delegated in wartime to drink cups of afternoon tea with itinerant countrymen to hand out fatherly advice when they are in trouble; to hand them money when they are "broke," and perform myriad other duties of a social nature, they have got another think coming.

For the busiest American institution in Europe today is located at 4 Grosvenor Gardens—the American embassy.

Here the enemy alien peoples in Great Britain of three warring nations look for money to buy their daily food; look for advice when they need it and will look for protection when protection is necessary.

From an authoritative source the United Press learned today that hundreds of thousands of American dollars have been necessary and will in future be expended to care for the alien charges of Ambassador Page. He is the sole representative in Great Britain not only of America, but Germany, Austria and Turkey. Nearly twenty buildings in London, property of these countries, are in direct charge of the ambassador, and he not only has voluminous diplomatic correspondence of his own nation to handle, but the veritable "bales" of mail and telegraphic exchanges carried on with other warring powers by the kaiser, the emperor of Austria and the sultan of Turkey.

To make this work possible the American embassy has increased its normal business tenfold. It has employed a round dozen of expert accountants and clerks who respectively keep tab on the manifold disbursements and file away hundreds of documents.

The money thus spent for England's enemies during the war will be repaid to Uncle Sam when hostilities cease, but in the meantime Uncle Sam's pocket must be the source of a never-ending supply.

In addition to being in constant closest touch with the state department at Washington, the American embassy in London is also in daily communication with the embassies at Berlin, Vienna, Constantinople, Rome and Petrograd which causes the costly interchange of telegraphic correspondence at least ten times the volume of peace times. Occasionally telegrams cost the government \$1,000 each.

An amusing episode was the outcome of a series of such telegraphic interchanges with the American embassy in Constantinople, it has just been learned. Ambassador Morgenthau reported to London that the Turks had imprisoned many British citizens whom they were holding for ransom, the sum of \$2,000 being required in each case.

The American embassy in London immediately communicated its information to the British government and word was sent back to Morgenthau to that effect. The next message from Morgenthau was that he had convinced the Turks that \$200 was a far more reasonable figure

than \$2,000 and the Turks had agreed. In turn, this fact was immediately communicated to the British government and the ransom was paid, though indirectly, for ransom is a word of which the British government takes no cognizance.

However, hard work is but a part of the troubles of 4 Grosvenor Square. The greatest are passports. The document, bearing the great seal of the state department which guarantees safe conduct for American travelers in Europe, is now the most rigidly drawn of any nation, but before the war was the loosest. Efficient clerks delegated to handle the passport department at the embassy become nervous wrecks and new "hands" are constantly necessary.

The passport clerk begins by interrogating the applicant as to his antecedents and must almost require proof that the applicant at some time or other had been born. After the first round of questions the liberty-loving American begins to get mad. Before he has been wormed out of his entire life's history he, or she, as the case may be, is thoroughly mad, and he, or she, leaves the embassy, heaping coals of fire on the heads of the men who are delegated to administer the affairs of America in a foreign clime.

Time cools anger, however, and invariably the applicant is back within a day or two to ask some favor of the ambassador. Nine times out of ten these favors cannot be granted because of strict rules that regulate American embassies. A favorite request is that valuables be put in the "embassy safe."

One woman brought a string of pearls which she insisted should be "put away" for her until she returned. Some want mail sent to America in the embassy postbag, while others would hold prolonged chats with the ambassador relating to family or business affairs. All these matters are impossible.

Irrespective of the smaller trifles it has been learned that the administration of affairs by Ambassador Page for the governments of Germany, Austria and Turkey has evoked highest praise from these governments, who have indicated the hope that the day will come when appreciation may be expressed in a more free and easy manner.

In the meantime Ambassador Page and his wartime staff are hard at work and will continue on until peace shines bright over Europe's war-darkened horizon.



SANER ENDOWS MEDAL.

Worthy High Chancellor Robert E. L. Saner has created a fund whereby a medal will be presented—but we'll let the newspapers tell of his very characteristical generosity.

The first medal presented to the Southern Methodist University to

be contested for yearly by the students has been endowed by R. E. L. Saner to be given to the best orator among the men students. Mr. Saner has deposited with the university authorities \$500, which will be placed with the endowment fund and the interest each year will be used to purchase a medal. This will insure that as long as the university continues a "Saner medal," as it will be called, will be given.

More than twenty years ago Mr. Saner, a young man of small means but of great ambitions, entered Vanderbilt University. Each year the students of the university, oratorically inclined, appeared before the faculty of the institution to try out for a chance at the Young medal, presented during graduation week. The faculty selected four of the students who, during the final week, contested for this medal which was endowed by R. A. Young, a former secretary of the board of trustees of the university.

The time came when Mr. Saner tried for this medal. He was selected as one of the four by the instructors and on one night during graduation week he won the medal.

Since the foundation of the new university here it has been Mr. Saner's wish to endow just such a medal as he tried for years ago. The opportunity has presented itself and he has made it a Christmas gift to the university and the student body. He said he hopes it will be an inspiration to the students of the Southern Methodist University, as the other medal was to him when he was in college. He said the very honor of winning the Young medal at Vanderbilt fired his ambition and he hopes his medal will have the same effect on some here.

Dr. R. S. Hyer, president of the university, said he is highly pleased at Mr. Saner's action and is glad to announce the presentation at this time. He said because of its perpetuity the medal will gain prestige with the coming years.

This will be the only medal presented to the university at large in oratory. It will be ready for graduation exercises of 1916. Only the men in the school will speak for the medal, but all of them, from the freshman to the highest classman, will be eligible to contest. Some time in April all students wishing to compete will appear before the faculty. They will deliver orations which they will have prepared. The speakers will be on their honor in this respect.

At this time the faculty will select four students from among those appearing before them. These four will, on a designated night during commencement week, speak in public for the Saner medal. Judges from the city will be selected to act at this time and present the medal. It will be considered the highest honor to be gained in oratory in the university, Doctor Hyer predicted.

SONS OF VETERANS RECRUIT A. T. O.'s.

The recent national convention of the Sons of Veterans elected our own Paul R. Hickok (Wooster) to the office of national chaplain and in Pennsylvania the state body elected W. D. McBryar to the office of State Commander, the highest office in the State.

Speaking of these men, reminds us that both have been in the great metropolis of the East—Allentown—recently and addressed large audiences. Paul Hickok spoke to some eight hundred Masons and “Irish” McBryar to a large audience of Sons of Veterans. We were glad to note that the latter attended divine services in the church where the PALM man officiates as deacon.



AN A. T. O. OPERATION.

At Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, occurred about a year ago probably the most unique surgical operation in history—from the fraternity viewpoint.

The operation in itself was not unusual, but it was exceedingly unique in that the patient, the diagnostician and his consultants, the surgeon and his assistant, and two witnesses were all Alpha Taus, eleven brothers in all!

Surely there has never been a more striking instance of co-operation of our brotherhood for the relief of a worthy distressed brother. The details of this unusual operation follows:

Operation—Appendectomy.

Patient—H. D. Porterfield, M. D., Simpson.

Diagnostician—J. W. Billingsly, M. D., Simpson.

Diagnosis Confirmed by the following brothers on the Medical Service of Lakeside Hospital: M. A. Blankenhorn, M. D., Ohio Beta Mu; C. D. Christie, M. D., Ohio Alpha Psi; M. P. Springer, M. D. (Kansas); C. L. Ruggles, M. D., Ohio Gamma Kappa; E. B. Wood, M. D. (Alabama).

Surgeon—S. L. Ledbetter, M. D. (Alabama).

Assistant Surgeon—W. R. Barney, M. D., Ohio Gamma Kappa.

Witnesses—W. B. Donaldson, M. D. (Washington and Jeffer-

son); M. Y. Dabney, M. D. (University of the South), in Gynecological Service of Lakeside Hospital. Needless to say Brother Porterfield made a rapid recovery after a most successful operation and enjoys the distinction of having been "opened up" free from the gaze of "alien" eyes. Probably no other hospital has been so fortunate as to have eight, out of fifteen of its resident staff, members of Alpha Tau Omega.

WALTER M. LEONARD.



BRIEF PERSONAL ITEMS.

Adrian: Albert D. Yoke is located at Shreveport, Louisiana. H. Earl Rogge is with the American Copper Company, Morenci, Arizona. T. Soule is with the Carbonundrum Company, Niagara Falls, New York. Wayland R. Osborne is on the staff of the *Binghamton Press*, Binghamton, New York.

Alabama: DeVane K. Jones, who finished his course in law last year, is one of the successful young lawyers of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. L. H. Woodruff is one of the physicians with the T. C. I. Company and is located at Reeder's Hospital at Bessemer, Alabama. Neil Neville, who finished in mining engineering last year, has accepted a position in the Department of Bureau of Mines at Washington, D. C. M. A. Cook is one of the successful young lawyers at Eutaw, Alabama.

Chicago: Leo C. Hupp has returned to take a course in law. Willard Atkins is professor of English at Albion College, Albion, Michigan. Francis Hutsler, Lyman Weld and Harry Comer are with the Goodrich Rubber Company. Holly R. Bennett has returned for graduate work in geology. B. H. Lunde spent his honeymoon in California and reports having met many Alpha Taus while on the trip. Robert C. Buck is with the American District Telegraph Company. Orville Droege is with Swift and Company. B. F. Wise is a member of the Otterbein Quartet, which is now traveling in the New England states. Dr. Allan Cooke holds a chair in the University at Tokyo, Japan. William Weiser is located at Allahabad, India. Dwight Hill is secretary of the Hill Nursery Company, Des Moines, Iowa. H. L. Meford is coach of athletics at Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre

Haute, Indiana. P. K. Cook instructs in public speaking at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, and L. C. Mathewson is in the mathematics department at the same institution.

Colorado: Esbon Titus was awarded a fellowship at the University of Wisconsin and is now taking advanced work there. Garth Sibbald is studying in the Episcopalian Theological School at Chicago, Illinois.

Cornell: L. R. James is located at Parnassus, Pennsylvania.

Emory: Dr. E. F. Dempsey, professor of Theology at Emory, has been elected financial secretary of that institution.

Florida: Denham Palmer is engaged in business at Denver, Colorado.

Iowa State: Roland S. Hoyt is taking graduate work at Harvard University.

Kentucky: Walter Bruning is teaching manual training in the Louisville public schools this season. Chreston Mayhall is attending the Louisville College of Dentistry. R. L. Jones is with the Carrier Engineering Corporation with headquarters in New York City, but is also doing some special engineering work at Durham, North Carolina, in the plant of the American Tobacco Company. D. D. Felix is now in Washington, D. C., working on the committee on the District of Columbia. J. M. Foster writes that he is living in his new home, 1109 Belmont Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, the same having been built last fall. E. H. Nollau has a position in the office of Experiment Stations, United States Department of Agriculture and is located at Washington, D. C. C. B. Smith is with the Rural Credits Association of Indiana, his address being 1699 Second Street, Evansville, Indiana. W. C. Nollau has recently accepted a position as Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Cristobol, Colon. J. duP. Oosthuizen writes that he has quit fighting and is working for the Government on tobacco and cotton. A. E. Ewan is spending a few months in Lexington at the Kentucky Experiment Station in connection with his duties as Superintendent of Experiment Fields. R. C. Dabney spent the month of December in the laboratory of the Fleischman Yeast Company by whom he is employed.

Lehigh: F. A. Vockrodt is with the Consolidated Coal Company at Van Lear, Kentucky.

M. I. T.: Arthur L. Nelson has accepted a position with the C. H. Tenney Company. John B. Welch is now with the Winchester Repeating Arms Company at New Haven, Conn.

Muhlenberg: Herbert B. Frederick, who was recently admitted to the bar, has entered the law offices of Congressman Arthur G. Dewalt and Hon. Claude T. Reno.

Minnesota: H. B. Carroll, Jr., is managing a 10,000-acre shorthorn cattle ranch.

North Carolina: J. Y. Caldwell has gone into partnership with his father for the general practice of law under the name of Caldwell & Caldwell, with offices in the Commercial National Bank Building, Statesville, North Carolina. Frederick I. Sutton is mayor of Kinston, North Carolina.

Penn State: H. G. Miller is with the Aetna Powder Company, Emporium, Pennsylvania. G. A. McWreath is with Westinghouse Electric Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. J. K. McConeghy is studying veterinary medicine in Chicago, Illinois. W. B. Strickler is with the Western Electric Company, New York City. G. R. Thorn is with Cambria Steel Company, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. C. E. Wilson is at Chicago, Illinois, with the Western Electric Company. L. L. Lamb is wrestling coach at M. I. T., Boston, Massachusetts. D. A. Smith is manager of Westmore Farm, Warren, Pennsylvania. C. E. Reick is at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with the Reick Ice Cream Company.

Pennsylvania: Thomas A. McDonald is still with the Philippine Constabulary.

St. Lawrence: H. E. Case is now with the General Chemical Company in New York City. W. B. Scribner is employed at present with the American Telegraph and Telephone Company in New York City. D. E. Timmerman has organized an insurance agency known as D. E. Timmerman and Company and has opened offices at 70 Kilby Street, Boston, Massachusetts. G. W. Dodds has recently organized the Gouverneur Limestone Company at Gouverneur, New York, which is engaged in the manufacture of fertilizer. Dodds is the secretary and sales manager of the company.

Sewanee: Noel E. Paton has accepted a position in Washington, D. C. James B. Fuqua, of Milan, Tennessee, has re-entered

the university and has again become the enthusiastic worker as of old.

Simpson: Wesley E. Buck, who has been engaged in Des Moines for several years in the wholesale paint and paper business, entered the State University of Iowa this fall to take a course in dentistry.

Trinity: Frank Brown has been appointed Assistant National Bank Inspector, with headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia.

Tulane: Arthur D. Parker was appointed to the Audubon Park Board of Commissioners. Dick Leverich is singles champion of the Louisiana Tennis Club. Sidney St. John Eshleman is engaged in the drug business.

Tufts: Chester A. Hayes, Jr., has left the employ of the Heinz Company and is now the H. P. Hood Milk Company. Wilfred H. Ringer is head of the English Department of the Holyoke High School, Holyoke, Massachusetts. LeRoy J. Cook, formerly instructor at Colby, is now taking a graduate course at Harvard. Charles F. Jameson has secured a position as superintendent of the fumigating department in the Terminal Wharf and Rail Warehouse Company, at Charlestown. This firm handles all foreign cotton entering Boston. William A. Macks has gone from the Gray-Davis Company in Boston to the United Shoe Machinery at Beverly, Massachusetts. Henry E. Tower is at present a chemist in the DuPont powder works at Hopewell, Virginia.

Washington and Lee: Warren C. Brown is with the Cumberland Bell Telephone Company at Louisville, Kentucky.

Western Reserve: Lamar T. Beman has recently been appointed Director of Public Welfare of Cleveland, Ohio.

Wooster: W. Compton teaches economics at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. Clyde A. Waugh is with the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee of Chicago, Illinois, as the manager of its editorial department.

The Associations

COLORADO.

During the past few weeks this association has been doing things, after a vacation during the summer months; as it has been customary not to hold the regularly weekly luncheons during the warm weather, and in view of this fact these stunts, which have been pulled off, have been the more enjoyable.

The first affair was held on August 28th, and was an automobile trip to the mountain parks located near Denver. Those of the alumni who are fortunate enough to possess machines were good enough to take their less prosperous brothers, together with their wives and ladies. Party left Denver about 3.30 in the afternoon, there being about twelve machines in all. The first stop was in Golden, a small town located at the foothills, about sixteen miles from Denver. From here an automobile road, which is probably one of the most remarkable in the United States, ascends by a circuitous and devious route to the top of Mount Lookout, from which the most wonderful view is obtained, looking out over the plains, displaying the small town of Golden, nestling at the foot of the mountain, with the city of Denver stretched out upon the plain, then to the west one obtains a marvelous view. The road referred to has been built broad enough the entire distance, so that machines may pass at any point, and on the outside of the road strong posts have been placed with iron cables stretched between, in order to protect the machines from going over the cliffs of the mountain side. As it was still a couple of hours before the dinner hour a trip was made on into the mountains through what is known as Genessee Park and on to the top of a still higher mountain known as Genessee Mountain. When the top of this mountain is first pointed out to one as a destination, one cannot conceive of the possibility of a machine being driven to the top, but such great engineering skill has been used in building the road that the top is reached after a gradual climb and from here a still more wonderful view is obtained.

The party proceeded back to the park and at a little mountain inn arrangements had been made for a chicken dinner. As the number in our party was so large, no other guests were received, and after dinner the crowd danced for an hour and then all gathered around a large fire-

place while fraternity and college songs were sung. Toward midnight, we wended our way back down the mountain side. The sight of the lights from the machines winding back and forth along the road, together with the lights of Denver in the distance, was a fairy-like scene, and one not soon to be forgotten.

This trip is one of the show trips near Denver and no visitor to the city should miss taking the same.

The second affair given by the association this fall was the dinner in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity, at which time we had with us Brother Van der Vries, of the High Council, but as this affair is to be the subject of another article, further mention will not be made at this time.

Our third and last "doings" was a dinner and theatre party held on September 22d. The alumni entertained the wives and lady friends of the members at a dinner at the Adams Hotel, after which Robert Harrison, a member of the stock company playing at the Denham Theatre, entertained the party. Several boxes were required to accommodate those present. Brother Harrison is an alumnus of the University of Colorado chapter and is an accomplished actor with much versatility and has for some time been playing leading parts with the company with which he is now associated.

Other affairs are planned for the future, but of these we will tell in a following letter. The affairs we have had have been so enjoyable and so well attended that we feel that the coming winter months will see the alumni gathered together often.

Early in September the alumni living in Denver and vicinity received cards bearing the following announcement:

1865—1915.

DINNER IN CELEBRATION
OF
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF
FOUNDING OF ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

Prof. John N. Van der Vries, member of High Council,
will be guest of honor.

Albany Hotel, September 11, 1915.

This dinner was to be held on September 11th, the fiftieth anniversary day of the founding of the Fraternity and Brother Van der Vries of the High Council was to be the guest of honor. These two facts made a double drawing card which brought out a large attendance. In view of the fact that the weather was still warm, it was thought best to make the affair an informal one and thus it was called a dinner rather than a banquet. The repast was served in one of the private dining rooms of the Albany Hotel. In view of the fact that the circumstances

were such that Brother Van der Vries had to leave on an early train for his home, the usual toasts were not arranged, as it was the desire that as much time as possible should be given to Brother Van der Vries in which to address the alumni on the subject of "Fifty Years Old. Past, Present and Future of the National Organization."

After the last course was served, Province Chief George B. Drake introduced Brother Van der Vries, whose speech was along the lines above set forth. It is regrettable that arrangements had not been made for a shorthand reporter to have taken down the remarks of the speaker, in order that all readers of the PALM might have the benefit of reading what was said by Brother Van der Vries, as his address was very instructive and entertaining.

Immediately upon the conclusion of his speech Brother Van der Vries was taken to his train by some of the alumni, while the others remained to indulge in fraternity songs and by means of the fraternity yells to let the guests of the hotel know that there was something doing.

The Colorado Association felt that it had been very fortunate in securing Brother Van der Vries to come to Denver at this time to help them celebrate this anniversary. The association realized that it was an occasion extraordinary and for this reason they desired to observe it in a fitting manner and to have with them at this time one of the national officers to make it a memorable occasion.

RANULPH HUDSTON.

DES MOINES.

The Des Moines Alumni Association at their last monthly meeting which was held on October 11th, accepted the invitation of the A. T. O. chapter at Ames to attend their dedicatory banquet which was held in their new home on the evening of the 16th. On account of the bad weather, there were not as many of the Des Moines alumni at the banquet as there would otherwise have been. However, those who did go felt amply repaid and had a very enjoyable time.

Right now we are beginning to plan for the installation of the new chapter at Iowa City, and as it is the plan of the Province Chief to hold the province conclave in conjunction with the installation, we are assured of a big reunion of the A. T. O.'s of this section of the country. We expect to meet at least once a month during this year and have set the first Monday noon of each month as our meeting time.

D. S. KRUIDENIER.

HOUSTON.

The regular December luncheon was held at the Rice Hotel and was well attended. Several letters were read acknowledging letters which

our association wrote to several chapters recommending men from Houston and vicinity who entered college this fall.

We are planning to have a canvass made of south Texas with the idea of locating all Alpha Taus who may be living in this part of the state and getting them interested in our association for mutual better acquaintance and get more power behind our efforts to help the order. Our rushing efforts this fall met with considerable success. Two or three of the chapters pledged men that we recommended.

CARL L. BRADT.

KANSAS CITY.

The Kansas City Alumni Association was reorganized at a recent meeting, is now headed with new officers and has started with a punch for this year. All the brothers have pledged themselves to return to the next meeting and to bring another wayward brother, if possible. A system of noonday bimonthly luncheons is to be evolved by the executive committee so that the brothers may get together at regular intervals. The alumni may take upon themselves the duty of breaking into the social world. That will be decided later.

Charles A. Pierson, president of the American Electrical Equipment Company of Kansas City, is the new president of the chapter. He has worked long and ardently with the brothers here and bids fair to make the work this year a success. Thomas S. Hudson, Missouri Gamma Rho, '15, was elected vice president. Edwin M. Price, "the peerless Ed," is re-elected secretary-treasurer. This is the heavy job and Price is the man who has held it down best in Kansas City. The members and guests of the association follow: Roy A. Roberts, Edwin M. Price, A. Penn Denton, Samuel F. Baker, Hal R. Lebrecht, Jack O'Donnell, J. E. Wansbrough, H. M. Noble, Frank E. Tyler, Thomas S. Hudson, F. A. Dierks, D. V. Dierks, Lauren Armsby, D. J. Mackie, George G. Moffett, Vinton Jones, Charles A. Pierson and Chester C. Jones, of Kansas City; L. E. Hazen, Lawrence; L. R. Zoellner, Tonganoxie; Guy L. Waldo, Lawrence; Herbert Luther, Leavenworth; Frank Ise, Lawrence; Frank Reid, Howard; F. R. O'Donnell, Ellsworth.

C. Jones retired from the presidency after several years of active service in that office.

LOUISVILLE.

The first fall meeting of the Louisville Alumni Association was preceded by a most enjoyable dinner at the Seelbach Hotel Rathskeller on Friday night, October 8th. The attendance showed the never failing spirit of Alpha Tau. A goodly number of new members were welcomed at this meeting, including the following: Walter Bruning, Fred Hummel, C. D. Wells, Chreston Mayhall, Warren C. Brown and Robert N. Ward.

The call of W. F. Wykoff, Ohio Alpha Nu, to another charge, has caused an expression of regret from all members of the association.

The Province VIII conclave at Lexington during the Thanksgiving holidays took many of the local alumni to that city. The conclave proved a semi-chapter reunion for many, and with the usual Thanksgiving attraction, in the way of football, the three days were well spent.

Saturday noon still finds a good table of Alpha Taus at the Watter-son Hotel, for luncheon, and always a hearty welcome to visiting brothers.

NEW YORK.

The New York Alumni Association started the season's activities with a rousing "get-together dinner" which was held at the Hotel Woodstock, Forty-third Street off Broadway on Thursday evening, December 9th.

A. T. O.'s to the number of seventy gathered at the hotel about 6.30 P. M. and as there were many newcomers the first hour was spent in getting acquainted. The dinner was served in the private dining room. During the dinner music was furnished by a negro orchestra and all the old-time college songs were sung with a vim. Following the dinner there was a short business meeting, at which the nominating committee presented its ticket for next year's officers.

The officers elected were: Hazen Conklin, president; C. H. Hoard, vice president; Drake, secretary and treasurer. The members of the board of governors were: Retiring president, Harold Robinson; J. T. Bowles, J. H. Worth, O. A. Olson and Frank Fall. Worthy Grand Chief N. F. Giffin gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Inter-Fraternity Conference which recently held a convention in New York.

A unique feature of the dinner was the distribution of an eight-page paper which was edited and printed during the evening and contained much interesting data about those present. There were several other unusual features, all tending to make the affair one of the most enjoyable gatherings of A. T. O.'s that has occurred in some time. Among those present were: T. Foster, H. P. Galord, G. F. McMahon, C. S. Welch, W. B. Scribner, A. Weymouth, Walter T. Daniel, Burton S. Hill, M. B. Bender, M. L. H. Smith, O. H. Smith, R. B. Morton, H. A. Camp, T. Burgess, J. B. Edwards, E. W. Hazzard, J. C. Vandervoort, W. T. Whelan, S. H. Woods, W. R. Marshall, F. M. B. Merrithen, H. C. McLean, S. W. Moore, N. F. Giffin, Dr. C. P. Gray, W. L. Reisner, A. H. Skean, Harold Robinson, Hazen Conklin, C. H. Hoard, H. A. Vilas, O. A. Olson, A. R. Weber, Benjamin H. Davis, M. M. Drake, Thaddeus Jones, J. T. B. Bowles, C. H. Kilbourne, G. A. Harwood, C. F. Vandervoort, John Evans, Hume Leland, W. C. Martin, H. C. Newell, W. J. Barney, J. H. Worth, Robert White, W. M. Slocum, Paul Loser, Frank Fall, L. D. Hunt, E. R. Snyder, W. H. Shearman, L. C. Schroeder, George W.

Hoyns, Neiry Hart, Arthur Cutler, James VanDyk, J. E. Rutzler, F. O. Affeld, J. M. Demerest, J. J. Shirley, W. H. Dole, G. F. Gilmore, W. G. Kimball, J. M. Joy.

PITTSBURGH.

The Pittsburgh Alumni Association has been leading a very quiet existence with little change except in membership. Several of the regulars have left in the last year to progress in new fields. H. M. Butler, Rhode Island Gamma Delta, is with the Boy Scouts with headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama; G. G. Andrews, New York Beta Theta, is with the Childs Restaurant Company in New York City, and Rev. J. H. Worth, Pennsylvania Tau, is pastor of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn, New York. We miss the "Reverend" and to show our appreciation of him, the association gave an informal dinner in his honor before his departure, presenting him with a humidor.

Our weekly luncheons are still held every Saturday in the Fort Pitt Hotel at 12.30 P. M. They have been running continuously for two years without a break and any A. T. O. who gets into town should drop in and get acquainted.

PORTLAND.

On September 11, 1915, the active chapter of the University of Oregon and the alumni association held a banquet at the Oregon Hotel, Portland. This is an annual affair to mark the opening of the fall term of college, and has become a very pleasant feature in our fraternity life here. In fact, it is the most important function of the year for us. It brings the active men, as a group, in close touch with the alumni. It creates good-fellowship and makes us want to do more for those active in the work of recruiting men to our fraternity cause.

The occasion was doubly impressive this year, because of the fact of Founder's Day, the fiftieth anniversary of our birth, and the day was duly honored. The speeches dealt with our early struggles for recognition, and the glorious growth from that memorable September 11, 1865. Then there were three, now there are thousands. Then the future was uncertain, now it is assured. The spirit was the real Alpha Tau Omega kind. About thirty-eight were present and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

The alumni association is taking a new lease on life and a monthly banquet is held the first Saturday of each month, and an entire evening devoted to A. T. O. The first of these was held on October 2, 1915, at the Oregon Hotel and a fair number turned out, but better returns are looked for. The next meeting will be held at the Benson Hotel, and

other acceptable places will be chosen for succeeding months. These meetings give promise of some good pleasant evenings and will result in more active interest in the Fraternity.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that this association heard of the favorable passing upon by the High Council, of the petitioning club at the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon. We have had opportunity to look over that crowd of men, and they measure up to the standard for admission into A. T. O., and we believe that they will be a very creditable addition to our Fraternity. The men stand high scholastically, are in esteem at that college and embody within their midst the principles which we believe will make them good Alpha Taus.

The association continues to hold its monthly dinner and each succeeding meeting proves itself better than the previous one. On the first Saturday of each month we gather at the Benson Hotel and any A. T. O. that happens through here on such a date should call at 6.30 and become our guest for the evening. Many of the older alumni, who have been weaned away from active get-together times, are putting in an appearance and the last dinner on the 4th of December was a splendid outpouring of Taus and an enthusiastic good-fellowship was manifested. More interest is taken in the event and the future holds promise of some good times. Aside from the physical man being taken care of, we never lose sight of the good we may do for the Fraternity and discussions of how we may help the active chapters are frequent. An election of officers resulted as follows: F. S. McCord, president; Fred W. Brown, vice president; Frank A. Dudley, secretary and treasurer; R. R. Rudolph, PALM correspondent.

The January meeting was eliminated in order that as many of the brothers as could possibly go might attend the installation of the new chapter at Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, Oregon, and accordingly on the 7th and 8th of January this great event took place. It was the extreme pleasure of the writer to be present at the installation and a better time in A. T. O. was never experienced. On the evening of the 7th the boys were taken through the mock initiation and they responded nobly, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all (with the possible exception of a few of the initiates). Automobiles were on hand all the time to take the visiting brothers wherever they wished to go, and Saturday morning, the 8th, was spent in seeing the buildings on the campus and what is there to be seen would surprise many of our Eastern brothers. During the afternoon twenty-four of the boys were initiated into Alpha Tau Omega, and the Ahneek Club passed into oblivion. Province Chief Williams, of Seattle, conducted the installation and the ceremony was given all its usual impressiveness. Thus was reinstated Alpha Sigma chapter, which to the casual observer would present itself as the baby chapter of the Fraternity, and yet in reality it means that it is one of the oldest north of the Mason and Dixon line, for

on April 1, 1882, Alpha Sigma chapter was installed at the same school, but through adverse circumstances the charter was withdrawn, due to lack of men returning to college. It was our privilege to have present at the reinstatement one of the charter members, W. Y. Masters, who entered into the doings with reawakened interest. In the evening the new chapters entertained with a large dance, at which were Governor and Mrs. Withycombe; President and Mrs. Kerr, of the college, and representatives of all the other fraternities and clubs. At twelve midnight fifty-eight Alpha Taus sat down to the banquet and at 4.30 A. M. ended the most delightful series of events in connection with installing the Ahneek Club as the Alpha Sigma chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.

The sentiment voiced by the writer, when he says that such entertainment could not be excelled, was unanimous. Alpha Sigma represents a splendid group of men, worthy of A. T. O. and a crowd of men that the Fraternity may well feel proud of. They start their new life under most favorable auspices, and if the festivities and carrying out of their plans for the installation are an indication of what they can do, the future of A. T. O. at the Oregon Agricultural College is very bright. This letter would not be complete without mention of the faculty member initiated. Brother Jensen is financial secretary of the college, and runs the place in the president's absence. He is a man of sterling character and established standing in the college community. He will be of invaluable assistance to the active chapter and a strong man to consult when decisions are to be made. He, if any one, will be able to keep the brothers in the path of A. T. O. which they have chosen to follow. Our best wishes go to the chapter and may the future bring forth all we may rightly look for.

R. R. RUDOLPH.

ST. LOUIS.

The St. Louis Alumni Association is following the same plan of last year, holding its meetings the first Friday of each month. Plans are already under way for holding the annual banquet. We expect also to hold frequent dances, for this form of entertainment gives the lady Alpha Taus a chance to show their spirit, and many close friendships have been formed among them as a result.

A smoker was held at the Capai Inn on Friday evening, November 5th, and although the crowd was not quite as large as usual, the evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

As a result of a circular letter, sent to all the chapters requesting the names and addresses of their respective alumni in St. Louis and vicinity, we have unearthed several new members. Our association now numbers sixty.

L. H. CUMMINGS.

The Undergraduates

THE INITIATES.

(From June 14, 1915, to February 15, 1916.)

The Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer reports the following initiates:

PROVINCE I—*Florida*: William J. Barker, William H. Jordan, Joseph S. Adams, Alfred L. Adams, Clarence E. Holtsinger, Otto B. Hough, Herbert G. Ford, Emmett P. Green, Jr., John H. Carter, James H. Dowling, Charles A. Stockton, Ernest W. Buss, Frederick L. Housholder, William L. Mattox; *Georgia*: Walter J. Whitehead, William H. Arnold, Jacob S. Eberhardt, Robert E. L. Spruce, Jr., Charles E. Cannon, John H. Crouch, James H. Skelton, Harry G. Thornton, Joseph W. Harper, Joseph E. Pottle, Samuel B. Spence, Roger W. Dickson; *Emory*: David C. Butler, John F. Terry, William S. Bush, Robert H. Humphrey, Orbie H. Stevens, Crampton P. Harris, Clinton C. Bostwick; *Mercer*: Paul B. Mason, Judson S. Wilkes, Hubert R. McKinnon, Edward N. Murray, Flemming G. Vinson; *Georgia Tech*: James T. Freeman, George B. Raine, George A. Chalker, Jr., Abner W. Goree, Ernest E. Pund, Pope B. Willingham, Ralph Bardwell, Alfred Cummings, Richard P. Roughton, Henry R. Dunwoody, Weyman B. Dunlap, William M. Martin, John A. Dodd.

PROVINCE II—*Illinois*: Paul M. Heilman; *Chicago*: Harry H. Herron, Arno G. Uhlhorn, Edwin C. Curtiss, William C. Martin, Charles J. Hibbard, Donald E. Faxon, Carl E. Schultz, Fred C. Lusk; *Indiana*: W. N. Strack, E. F. Fraizer, A. W. Haines, C. J. Kirshman, W. E. Sullivan, Floyd Marshall, W. E. Mellett, E. E. Moore, W. H. Martin, A. A. Koch, LeRoy Hinkle, J. H. Foster, C. F. Thompson, J. W. Young, Von Garrison, C. O. Dise, R. B. Hause, H. E. Bowers, Frank M. Gastineau, Clifford S. Miller; *Adrian*: Arnold F. Folker, Harry J. Lord; *Michigan*: Robert G. Burghard, Charles B. Barnard, Louis M. James, Carl A. Sorling; *Albion*: Samuel J. Harrison, Duwell E. Matthews, Lewis K. Darling, Edward T. Furey; *Wisconsin*: Hilton P. Hornaday, Mead Vallier, Marvin H. Taylor.

PROVINCE III—*Colorado*: John L. Griffith, Dean N. Beacon, William T. Burris, Herbert P. Rapp, George E. Churchill, James W. Hair, Charles

W. Webb; *Simpson*: Kenneth M. Parks, Harmon P. Trumbo, Leland B. Cole, Merle A. McAllister, Owen V. White, Willis I. Fleetwood, Louis C. Pendray, Ross S. Johnson, Marion E. Sells; *Iowa*: Ray C. Fountain, Victor H. Tyler, Norvin E. Smith, Lyle C. Wilson, Donald D. Reynolds, George R. Ludeman, John D. Rogers, Carl A. Trexel, Harry B. Swan, Halford T. Barry, Frank A. Wahlgreen, Atwell L. Talley, Harry G. Chesebro, Ray W. Clearman, Thomas E. Martin, Ernest N. Roberts, Lewis L. Layton, Walter H. Pavle, Harold A. Clearman, Dudley G. Douglass, LeRoy W. Lundahl, Billy F. Richey, Russell W. Lemley, Glenn R. Hill, Frantz C. Conrad; *Kansas*: Fred L. Coover, Frank J. Fisher, John C. Campbell; *Minnesota*: Clarence R. DeHoff, Ralph W. Walker, Oliver T. Skellet, Herbert W. Wellman, Frank H. Brown, Gotfried J. A. Eyler, Clinton H. Baldwin, Theodore L. Spgard; *Missouri*: Paul H. Andres, James W. Alexander; *Nebraska*: Charles E. D. T. Foster, William A. Maxwell, Jay D. D. Marcellus; *Wyoming*: Edwin N. Hitchcock, Lyle S. Powell, Lester W. Carter.

PROVINCE IV—*Maine*: Kenneth R. Farr, Clyde W. Stewart, James L. Chute, Lawrence E. Merrow, Robert Cowen, Merle M. Weymouth, Frederick R. MacFarlane, Thomas J. Young, Joseph W. McGrath; *Colby*: Robert H. Gallier, Zeth G. Twitchell, James B. Coulon, William D. Gallier, Gerald R. MacCarthy, Earl S. Tyler, Robert T. Cary, Arthur M. Greeley, Lynnwood L. Macomber, Horace O. Coolridge, John G. Selby, Francis P. Gately; *M. I. T.*: Webb C. Patterson, Edwin C. Shultz, Dean F. Willey, Georgius Y. Cannon, Arthur G. Smith, George U. Parks, William H. Banks, Jr., Robert P. Hackett, James S. O'Brien, Samuel O. Lewis, M. L. W. Craig, Henry C. Giles; *Tufts*: Arthur V. Donnellan, Clarence N. Woodward, Russell A. Chipman, George S. Eveleth, Jr., Ralph Beattie, Earl S. Beacham, Charles W. Hubon, Kenneth B. Erken Brack, Abel C. Hudson, Alfred E. Turner; *Worcester*: Edward A. Varney, Myrton H. Cutler, Iver O. Moseberg, Frank J. Foley, Donald B. Clark, Henry P. Moelter, Judah H. Humphrey, George H. Heywood, Charles L. Woodman, Edwin H. Root, Ralph A. Prince, Norman P. Knowton; *Vermont*: Marsh M. Byington, Lawrence H. Claflin, Mason P. Dutton, Merritt A. Edson, Leo W. Williams, Ralph E. Thayer, Harold V. Adams, David O. Smith, Herbert D. Pearl.

PROVINCE V—*St. Lawrence*: Frederick W. Mills, Edward E. Williams, James A. Dullea, John S. Bird, Walter B. Coston, Vincent G. Dodds, Howard J. Sheen; *Cornell*: John E. Laird; *Muhlenberg*: Russell J. Baker, Harry R. Dubbs, Frederick J. Kroesen, John K. Miller, Robert S. Rusling, Dalton F. Schwartz, William G. Wahl; *Washington and Jefferson*: Millard F. Whitehall, Jr., David I. McAlister, Earl A. Hespenheide, Hugh D. Rodgers; *Lehigh*: Frank H. Steacy, Jr., Daniel K. Lessig, Beeton P. Lauder, George S. Jones, Thomas J. Bray, Jr., Miles W. Kresge; *Gettysburg*: Edwin A. Earley, William B. Sheffer, Hobert W. Dodson, George F. Good, Lester N. Phillipy, Walter K. Thrush, John C. McFall,

Clifford Z. Moyer, Ralph W. Baker; *Penn State*: Frank J. B. Unger, Allen Caddigan, Fred P. Smith, William B. Byets, Howard B. Ellinger, Donald T. Shenton, Howard E. Baughman, Donald E. Hubbard, Robert S. Etter, Lewis L. Wallace, Jr., George E. Braker, James D. Kistler; *Pennsylvania*: Edgar H. Lewis, Edwin D. Stevens, Charles A. S. Keeley, Asa R. Baker.

PROVINCE VI—*North Carolina*: Meriwether Lewis, Henry V. P. Wilson, James C. McCleod, William D. McMillan, William P. Conyers, Jr., Daniel C. Breeden, Russel P. Barton, Thomas J. Wilson, Jr., Edgar W. Turlington, James D. Poag; *Trinity*: Jack W. Wallace; *Charleston*: Julian Mitchell, Jr., Langdon M. Chevis, Thomas D. Dotterer, Charles W. Waring, Andrew Simons, Louis T. Parker, Charles W. Bailey, William P. Rhett, Burnet R. Maybank; *Washington and Lee*: William S. Honaker, Lawrence W. Morgan, John W. Ferguson, Phil E. Chappell, Robert M. Blankenship, Donald E. Meek, Edward L. Gladney, Tiley H. Scovell; *Virginia*: Richard H. Cocke, Edward Holland, Jr., Thomas W. Blackstone, Jr., Robert Bingham, 3d, Edward C. Foster, James T. Alsop, Walter B. Ryan, Jr., John Dunn, 4th.

PROVINCE VII—*Mount Union*: Thomas F. Shaffer, Ralph S. Ford, Fred M. Walker; *Wittenberg*: Harry Stewart, James H. Goodall, William Mills, Robert Tittle, George W. Holman, Walter C. Rickard, William Locke, Willard G. Weigel, Frank M. Burns, Herman W. Fultz; *Wesleyan*: Richard Simkins, Maurice M. Shumaker, Vincent V. Smith, Alfred S. McElroy; *Ohio State*: William S. Wabnitz, Clarence J. Cressland, Edwin H. Fritz, Russell N. Long, Gilbert W. Stewart, Edwin J. Weigand, Paul R. Ensign, Fred A. Harshberger, Maurice F. Smith, Warren W. Mouch, John R. Dyer, Ray A. Hoyt.

PROVINCE VIII—*Kentucky*: William C. Martin, Howard I. Kinne, Bart N. Peak, Tellis Peak; *Southwestern Presbyterian*: B. N. Buford, Edward H. Alvis, James V. Cobb, Richard A. Hardy, William H. McAtee, Joseph F. Blakemore, Virgil M. Grimsley; *Vanderbilt*: M. C. Ford, George P. Evans, Curtis T. Everett, James H. Early, John R. Motlow, Ridley W. Wills, Franklin C. McGaughy, Robert H. Bingham, Heatcock, Franklin B. Barber, Robert A. Butler; *Union*: Frank Q. Crockett, John B. Tatum, Holford Wagster, Charles K. Koffman, Robert C. Burks; *Seewanee*: Francis M. Bamberg, Oliver B. Chisolm, Bertram B. Lamond.

PROVINCE IX—*Stanford*: Donald T. Robbins, William C. Atwater, William H. Honens, John H. Walda, Harold H. Sayre, Harold E. Everett, James E. Taylor, Jr.; *California*: Myron B. Holmes, George H. Scovele, Benjamin A. McCourt, Rexton K. Reed, Edwin D. Cooke, Kenneth R. Cormack, Carroll H. Johnson, William S. Nash, Alan N. Dennison, Edwin J. Mejia; *Oregon Agricultural*: William A. Jensen, Roy O. Magee, L. M. Bernstein, Lester T. Hutt, Arnold J. Furk, Percy N. Johnson, Harry E. Hamilton, Arthur R. Lundeen, Leland D. Creighton, Martin Van Conver-

ing, Ralph L. West, Howard R. Woodburn, Dunbar W. Pickney, Paul T. Schooley, Britton W. Sears, Harry B. Pinkerton, Aubrey Ostrander, Beaumont P. DeLosh, Fred H. Hulbert, Henry Anderson, Martin O. Kurtz, George Halferty, Norwal C. Carnie, Franklin W. Johnson, Henry O. Deen, Harry Floydstead; *Oregon*: Leo A. Potter, James E. Nail, *Washington State*: James N. Shaw; *Washington*: Cecil L. Gwinn, Edward G. Spelger, George D. Witt, Gordon L. Cool, James R. Cunningham, Ernest Spencer, Julius Z. Hollman.

PROVINCE X—*Alabama Polytechnic*: Joseph H. Henderson, George H. Wright, Ralph A. Carroll, Alexander O. Taylor, George S. Leatherbury, Sidney C. Phillips, Richard J. Ducote, Edwin A. Wagner; *Southern*: John B. Benson, Charles H. Owens, Jr., Walter Duggar, Felix M. Turnipseed, Charles B. Galloway, Phillip J. Davis, Albert S. Pugh, Keener C. Frazier; *Alabama*: Robert M. Hall, Jr., Thomas J. Johnson, Jr., Adrian Irvine, Donald H. Thornbury, Benjamin F. Wilson, Robert F. Leftwich, Frederick M. Fisk; *Tulane*: Randolph L. Griswold, Arthur F. Kimball; Charles R. Eldridge, Jr.; *Texas*: William C. DeWare, Curtis H. Hill, Lyttleton J. Womack, James P. White, Julian P. Harrison.



THE CHAPTER LETTERS.

PROVINCE I.

FLORIDA.

On November 6th the Florida Alumni Association gave its second annual banquet at the Seminole Hotel in Jacksonville. This date was chosen on account of the Georgia-Florida football game which took place that afternoon. The banquet was a decided success from every viewpoint. Gathered around the festive board were sixty-eight loyal Alpha Taus, and Alpha Tau Omega spirit reigned supreme that night. Our chapter, twenty-two strong, attended the banquet and came away with a bigger and better conception of our Fraternity. Spessard Holland in giving his toast, "Florida Alpha Omega," told the alumni of our need of a chapter house. As a result, almost nine hundred dollars in cash was subscribed to the "Chapter House Fund" by the banqueters. In two days we held the deed to a beautiful lot overlooking our campus. Plans are being formulated to issue bonds and raise the money to build our house, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000. Edwards, an architect of Atlanta, has volunteered to draw up the plans for our new home. For many years our chapter has been working hard to obtain a house of our own. At last our dream has become a reality, due to our alumni, and we are very grateful to them for it.

William Jordan was forced to resign from school on account of his poor health. At the time of his resignation he was secretary and treasurer of the freshman class, and manager of the Glee Club. We were sorry to lose him, but are consoled by the fact that he will return next year. William Leckie Mattox was initiated on January 15th. He is a freshman and a member of one of the ribbon societies, "The Serpents."

We are in the midst of the first semester examinations and every man in the chapter hopes to pass them creditably. Alpha Omega is emphasizing the scholarship side of college more than ever this year, and as a result we stand among the leaders in this group.

Meanwhile, we have not been idle in other phases of college life. On the varsity football squad we were represented by Sparkman, Goldsby, Holland, Dowling and Stockton. Van Camp is captain of the basketball team, and Joe Adams is on the squad. Spessard Holland has been elected president of the combined senior classes; editor-in-chief of the *Seminole*, the year book; one of the directors of the Athletic Association, and president of the Intercollegiate Debate Council. Barker is president of the senior law class. Van Camp is president of the Benton Engineering Society and vice president of the Athletic Association. We have two officers in the junior law class, namely, Jack Watson, vice president, and Fred Householder, secretary and treasurer. James Sparkman, the star of this year's football team, has been elected president of the sophomore class. Frank Holland has an important place in the university band. Dowling is president of the freshman class. In the annual "flag rush" between the freshmen and sophomores, Lee Adams recovered the flag for the freshmen after the battle had waged for six minutes.

Our annual valentine ball will be given at the Elks Club this year on Monday, February 14th. If the dance is the success we have planned for it to be, the dances of former years will be completely eclipsed by it. Brothers and ladies from all over the State are expected to attend.

Our semi-annual chapter letter to all the brothers in this State is being prepared and will go out February 1st.

We have had visits from the following brothers recently: Greek Gibbs, Gene Casler, John Upchurch, Malcolm Maner, Jay Hearin, Phil May, Ted Arnold, R. A. Henderson, P. H. Robnett, Harry Peeples, L. W. Barlow and L. B. Newman. Once again we extend a cordial invitation to all alumni and other brothers to visit us whenever possible.

C. E. HOLTSINGER.

GEORGIA.

When college opened for the new year, we found that every member of our chapter, with the exception of J. S. Eberhardt, who had to withdraw in November on account of ill health, had returned. This is an excellent record for a chapter as large as ours and, needless to say, we are very proud of it.

A few of the brothers are trying for places on some of the debates and several others are trying for the Glee Club. This is the dullest, as well as the most difficult part of the college year and many of us are taking advantage of it by putting more time on our studies so that, when things do wake up, we shall then be able to enjoy them.

HINTON F. LONGINO.

EMORY.

Alpha Theta thus far has had a prosperous year. The outlook is auspicious. Every member seems imbued with the true spirit of congeniality so characteristic of Alpha Taus. Hence the chapter's achievements have been all the more appreciated.

Those who made the class football teams were Presley W. Christian, Fount R. Lane and Stewart Bush. Christian won his "E," David C. Butler and Robert H. Humphrey made the basketball teams. Richard J. Broyles is for the fourth time anniversary poet for Phi Gamma Literary Society, also president and impromptu debater. J. Eason Cross was toastmaster of the sophomore banquet, fall term debater, and was recently elected sophomore debater.

During the term we have given several informal entertainments, including a smoker. We are looking forward with much pleasure to the annual oyster roast to be given this spring term.

Recently it has been our pleasure to have as visitors Gray Singleton, James L. Giradeau, Doobs, of Nebraska, and Province Chief Werner.

J. EASON CROSS.

MERCER.

Alpha Zeta opened the new year with all the brothers who were with us last fall back in school and interested in all the campus activities. Hinton Arnold, who graduated last year, is back in school taking a post-graduate course.

We are very glad to say that all our pledges who have been in school for a whole term have passed up their work and we have been able to initiate them. We have two other pledges whom we won't be able to take in before the end of this term, and with these last initiates we will have a very fine chapter.

We are represented in all the college activities this year. Persons Heath is president of the junior law class. William Florence is art editor of the annual, the *Cauldron*. Ernest Smith and W. S. Florence have been initiated into the "Alembic Club."

Mercer did not have a varsity basketball team this year and all of our interest in that sport has been focused on the inter-class league. We have several brothers on the different teams.

In all we have had a very successful year so far, and we are going to finish up the scholastic year of 1915-16 with flying colors.

W. S. FLORENCE.

GEORGIA TECH.

The fellows in the chapter at this time are very busy with examinations and from all reports we will not lose any one at this time from this source.

We certainly do miss St. Julian Barnwell, Clyde Watson, Paul Appleby, James Freeman and Douglas Rathborne, all of whom failed to return to school after Christmas. These brothers are all working now and intend to return to Tech next September.

The chapter has been very fortunate in pledging and initiating W. M. Martin and J. A. Dodd. From these two men great things are expected in the future.

Tech claims the Southern football championship this past season, having defeated all except one team and tying this one. Wisdom Goree and St. Julian Barnwell have each received a small gold football for their services on the team.

Tech has unusually bright prospects for the coming baseball season. J. T. Smith will again be seen on the field, also some of the new men have an excellent chance to make their letter this spring.

At the initiation ceremony the other night, we had the pleasure of having with us an unusually large number of the Atlanta alumni, who, after the ceremony, gave us some very interesting talks.

We have had the pleasure of visits from Gough, Freeman, Guy Northcutt and Stewart Colley. Numerous Atlanta alumni called on meeting nights.

D. S. GOLDING.

PROVINCE II.

ILLINOIS.

Gamma Zeta had its full share of football men this year. Squier made an enviable record for himself. He was given a position at end on every All-Western team that was picked, and Walter Camp placed him on his third All-American team. In all of the selections Pogue was mentioned usually with the remark that the injuries which kept him out of the game most of the season prohibited placing him on the honorary elevens. He recovered sufficiently to enable him to play a stellar role in both the Wisconsin and Chicago games.

The 1915 home-coming was one of the largest events in the history of Gamma Zeta. Saturday night, after the Illinois-Minnesota game, an even hundred of our alumni gathered in the dining room for a buffet

lunch. A few speeches and a good deal of merriment were enjoyed by all in a real get-together.

Louis Krug has been chosen captain of the varsity water basketball team, and Roy Kroeschell is out for the swimming team. Scott McNulta was one of the junior assistant cheer leaders and has a good chance of being chosen cheer leader for next year. He also took part in the Mask and Bauble production of "Green Stockings." Squier is playing varsity basketball. Lowell Gildner, the star of the freshman varsity track team of last year, is keeping himself in training and is counted on to be one of the big point winners this spring. Two of the freshmen held down places on the freshman varsity football team. Victor Snyder played right end all season and Carlos Lyon played left tackle. Both of these men and Harry Toothaker are out for freshman varsity basketball. Garth played soccer and Krug, for the third time, was awarded the position of all-class center in football. McNulta was awarded a place on the junior prom committee and Scott Julian was put on the sophomore cotillion committee.

Our eleven pledges are now working hard to pass their semester studies so as to be ready for initiation on February 13th. We sincerely hope that they will all succeed, for every one of them will make a real Alpha Tau.

MCDONALD LOVELL.

CHICAGO.

On January 22d seven freshmen were initiated by Gamma Xi. For that day we were fortunate in having with us William C. Smiley, Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, who gave a most interesting talk on the secret work and history of the Fraternity. In addition to the active chapter a considerable number of our own, as well as visiting alumni were present to hear Brother Smiley's talk. The annual initiation banquet was given that evening at the Congress Hotel. The Chicago Alumni Association worked in co-operation with the chapter to make the banquet the best ever. Sixty Alpha Taus, representing fifteen chapters, were there with lots of real pep.

The chapter is well represented in campus activities, although the year is less than half gone. Windrow is on the varsity swimming team, and Faxon will undoubtedly make the freshman swimming team. Huebenthal is a "C" man on the gymnasium team, as is Burt on the wrestling team. Curtis is practically certain of making freshman track. The chapter expects to be unusually well represented in baseball this year. The Glee Club finds the chapter represented by Windrow, Huebenthal and pledge Lambertson. Haupt, in addition to holding the presidency of the Mandolin Club, is composing music for the annual Blackfriar play. On the junior annual, the *Cap and Gown*, Windrow is literary editor and Blazer is business manager. Windrow and Hilton are Blackfriars. Clough, Heilman, Uhlhorn and Ort are in the band.

The chapter gave a very successful musicale at the chapter house, December 12th. We expect to have each of the four classes of the university over at the house during the year. Our quarterly dance is to take place soon.

Delegates were sent to the recent installations; Hilton, our Worthy Master, representing us at Indiana Delta Alpha's installation, and Jordan at Iowa Delta Beta's installation. We have had many visitors since the last PALM letter, but never too many. Rev. Paul R. Hickok, Chairman of the High Council, paid us a visit a few weeks ago. We are glad, too, that another Alpha Tau has come to our faculty in the person of Abbott, of Virginia Delta. We are always glad to see any Taus who may happen to be traveling through the city.

DORMAN BENNITT.

INDIANA.

With scarcely two months of our Fraternity life past the members of Delta Alpha are taking up their new environment with a will and are striving to place our chapter upon a basis favorably compared with the organizations here. Nearly every school activity has a representative of our bunch taking part in it. The play which was given January 20th in celebration of the foundation of Indiana had for its leading character Malcolm Campbell, one of our freshmen. Homer Tate, another freshman, and James Wilson Young, a sophomore, also took part in the presentation.

Another source of pride to our bunch is the A. T. O. basketball team. Our five is one of the three teams to have a perfect percentage in the inter-fraternity basketball league, having won three games so far. Besides basketball we have elected captains for bowling and bridge teams and fully intend to be represented on the baseball diamond in the spring. The three captains who have been chosen up to this time are Floyd Marshall, basketball; Audrey W. Haines, bridge, and Oliver Von Garrison, bowling.

The event which stands out most prominently on our social horizon is our reception and formal dance to be held on the afternoon and night of February 12th. The reception will be an informal greeting to the faculty and student body of the university. We have been very fortunate in having Prof. W. A. Cogshall, Michigan Beta Omicron, '95, and Mrs. Cogshall to assist us in the preparation for the affair. We are planning on receiving at least 600 between the hours of two and five.

WALLACE H. MARTIN.

ROSE.

Gamma Gamma is in the midst of a very busy season. January 29th marks the close of the final examinations of the term and the opening of the rush season, which is to last two weeks, and from all indications it

will be the most strenuous of any season to date. Wednesday, February 2d, the chapter will entertain about twenty-five freshmen with a dinner party and a smoker following.

The rush season is operated under a very complicated set of rules. Each fraternity is allowed one formal entertainment and to make but one date in advance with any individual freshman. Invitations are to be sent out to the freshmen through the office of the institute. The freshman is to respond in the same manner at the close of a period of twenty-four hours, during which time no freshman is to be molested or approached by any person in the interest of any fraternity.

At a general assembly held on January 22d, Louis Bake and Fred Crapo received football sweaters and "R's," while McKeever and Bake received baseball "R's." In basketball we have Dan Howard and Louis Bake on the varsity and John Rector, Fred Crapo and Sam McKee on inter-class teams.

On December 21st, at a joint meeting of the student council and the athletic board, an office of athletic director was inaugurated. The services of H. L. Mefford, of Gamma Xi, were successfully obtained and from all indications will put Rose on the map in athletics.

It will interest the alumni of Gamma Gamma to know that the chapter house is now located at 1300 North Ninth Street. Among the brothers from whom we have received visits are: G. D. Spruhan, A. L. Pfau, J. Gillum, M. Hayman, H. R. Woodward, L. T. McKee and H. L. Mefford, of Gamma Xi.

R. A. WEINHARDT.

PURDUE.

In looking back over the past three months, it is with a feeling of pardonable pride that Indiana Gamma Omicron points to the many things that have been achieved by this chapter.

Notwithstanding the fact we were handicapped during the rushing season by not having a large chapter house, eight freshman pledges have been secured, and we can truthfully say that the men selected this year are the best lot of yearlings obtained by this chapter for some time past.

Members of the active chapter are well represented in scholastic activities. Finn played quarterback on the varsity eleven last fall; Tiemen is manager of the Purdue Glee Club; Emerick was recently elected to a place on the class auditing committee, and, together with Rife, is a charter member of the Oilers, a senior honorary engineering society. In other lines of student activities the chapter is represented by Ross, who, is editor-in-chief of the *Exponent*, our college daily; a member of the class auditing committee, and secretary of the Student Council.

It was our pleasure to aid in the installation of a sister chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at Indiana University a few weeks ago.

Recently a general meeting of our local house association was held and plans discussed for the building of a new chapter house. Indications point to a new home for this chapter not later than next fall, and in closing we can truthfully say that so far this has been one of the most successful years experienced by Gamma Omicron since its founding.

KING TAYLOR.

ADRIAN.

The year 1916 finds Alpha Mu with twelve active members and three pledges. With the improvement in the financial conditions of Adrian and the prospects of many new students Alpha Mu anticipates a brighter future.

In athletics we have been well represented. Loyd Mohr was elected captain of football. This gives us the captaincy of football and baseball. Richardson made the team in basketball. Baseball promises to be largely represented by Alpha Mus and pledges, three "A" men being back.

In social functions also Alpha Mu has taken an active part. The brothers gave a Christmas party to their lady friends, and valentine and leap year parties have been planned.

As usual, Alpha Mu stands high in scholarship. We would be glad to hear from our alumni.

CHAS. J. WOOD.

HILLSDALE.

Beta Kappa is now engrossed in its most prosperous year, claiming about the campus its full share of campus and scholarship honors. Tarbell, Roberts and Lomason represent us in basketball; Eddy, Barber, Leverett, Mattice and Hammond in Glee Club; Miller, Rosecrance and Hammond in debate, thus making us well represented about our college. In addition to this we expect two honor students for the semester just past.

At this time we would announce the pledging of ten of the best men the present personnel of the chapter has ever seen. These freshmen we are attempting to train for monthly upholders of our loved gold and blue. Every man except those of local residence rooms and boards in our new home and we feel the best, most unified and brotherly disposition that Beta Kappa has experienced in years. We now anticipate the conclave of Province II at Gamma Tau chapter. At that time we wish especially to learn of a pledging ceremony which we have tried successfully this year and also of a new system in training freshmen which Gamma Zeta introduces quarterly. These new features we think worthy of adoption. Our delayed pledge day was a success from our standpoint, but it breeds inter-fraternity feeling which we discountenance.

Again we would inform all brothers of our ever open door to all Alpha Taus, soliciting a visit from them whenever they are near.

ROY E. CHASE.

MICHIGAN.

Beta Lambda has successfully continued its rushing policy and now has ten excellent freshmen ready to be initiated as soon as the semester ends. Although we lose a number of men by graduation this year, it is evident that we will not be handicapped by lack of numbers next year. The gymnasium record shows Shelton Jones, of Montana, one of the new men, to be the second strongest man in the freshman class, so that a promising future in athletics looms up before him.

Before the holidays a smoker was held for the purpose of having all Alpha Taus at Michigan become better acquainted.

Our usual formal dance was given in the chapter house on January 14th. The next social event will be the house party given between semesters with the annual junior hop as a stellar attraction. H. E. Carlson and R. B. Frantz were both elected to represent their classes on the junior hop committee.

The Michigan Union opera, which is becoming a greater event each year, will contain the names of at least four of the brothers on the program. Carlson is assured of a prominent place in the cast, while R. W. Hicks, L. F. Berry and W. Slaght have qualified as ponies.

Our esteemed house manager, L. E. Whitaker, became dissatisfied with his duties a few weeks ago, journeyed to Detroit, took unto himself a wife and is now managing a household of his own in Ann Arbor.

Gerald Patton, of Washington Gamma Pi, who is now connected with Parke, Davis & Co., of Detroit, has paid us several visits.

Only minor improvements have been made in the house, the most important of which was an enlargement of the dining room facilities. We are, however, concentrating our efforts upon a new house proposition.

CHRISTIANCY PICKETT.

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ALBION.

We consider the semester a success from every standpoint. Our finances and scholarship are in a healthy condition. Besides Leo Daines, the varsity basketball captain, Edwards and Ralph Daines also represent us on the team. In looking over the material for spring baseball, A. T. O. prospects seem fair. Matthews won sixth place in the five-mile run at Detroit on Thanksgiving Day. Beta Omicron received the much-coveted silver trophy presented to the winning team in the inter-fraternity basketball tournament, held in December. The prize of ten dollars in gold, awarded by the "A" Club in December's Athletic Circus, to the organization producing the best theatrical performance, was won by Beta Omicron's troupe—Slout, Matthews, Furey, Skeels and Wilson.

The annual November party was held at the Leisure Hour Club this year. Archer Reed, Beta Omicron, instructor of business methods in the Belding High School, spent a week-end with us in November.

A new furnace has been added to the lodge equipment since the holiday recess.

H. G. WILSON.

WISCONSIN.

After becoming settled in our new home on the beautiful shores of Lake Mendota, Gamma Tau has spent a very busy semester engaged in various university activities.

Ruder is busily engaged as manager of the university basketball team. Josephson has brought honor to the chapter by his election to the managership of the senior play, this being one of the big events of the senior year. Prussing has recently received the position of managing editor of the *Daily Cardinal*, the student newspaper. Wells is chairman of the program committee of the junior promenade, which takes place February 11th in the new \$7,000,000 State Capitol.

Plans are under way for a prom party to be given at the lodge the evening following the promenade, in honor of the prom guests of the chapter.

The province conclave will be held at the Gamma Tau lodge on February 25th, 26th and 27th. Preparations are now being made for the entertainment of the visiting brothers. It is the earnest desire of the chapter that as many brothers as possible will pay us a visit. We cordially invite all.

According to the new ruling of the university board of regents, freshmen may be initiated the second semester instead of after the end of their freshman year.

We announce with pleasure the recent initiation of Hornaday and Vallier.

RAYMOND B. LEWIS.

PROVINCE III.

COLORADO.

Gamma Lambda has spent a most prosperous semester, and prospects are that all will be here next semester. The freshmen have had cards signed weekly by their instructors, signifying that they were up in their work. The scholarship of the chapter is well evidenced by the fact that William Pierce and Wayne Ivers have been initiated into Tau Beta Pi, and we expect two to make Phi Beta Kappa.

In school activities we have led. Over half the class offices in the school are held by A. T. O.'s. Arthur Talbot and James Griffin made letters in football. Robert McGraw is center on the basketball team, and will captain the baseball squad in the spring. Clayton Lytle and Anthony Cush have made the Glee Club. Claude Wilde is captain of the debating team that meets the University of Oklahoma in March.

Speaking from a social standpoint, Alpha Tau Omega on December 17, 1915, gave one of the most successful fancy dress parties that has ever been held in Boulder. Our only regret was that so few alumni

attended, Paul Whitney, of Denver, being the only one present. We are planning on another dance in March, and the annual will probably come in May.

Among the alumni who have visited us since our last letter are Leslie C. Paul, '15, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Arthur Wilson, of Denver. Wayne Ivers represented us at the province conclave held in Iowa City, Iowa, in December. It might be well to note that Colorado Gamma Lambda received at said conclave the highest number of marks for commendatory actions.

We are expecting great things from our men next semester.

CLAUDE C. WILDE.

IOWA.

Delta Beta, maintaining at this writing a position among the new chapters, desires to make use of this first PALM sentence to extend a general word of appreciation to all the brothers who attended our installation, and contributed so largely to its success as "the event" of the school year at Iowa. It is largely because of the great send-off which we got at that time that we are enjoying such a prosperous year, and words are not adequate to show our recognition of the genuine spirit of co-operation manifested by all concerned.

We have a chapter roll of eighteen men, with seven men under pledge, and our pledges will be eligible for initiation shortly after the beginning of the second semester. Scholarship has been kept up in good shape, despite the fact that we have just passed through the period of installation, preparation for which naturally occupied a good deal of the time of many of our men.

Activities of the university are receiving a good share of our attention. Tom Martin, Lewis Leighton and Dudley Douglass are working out daily with the track team, and George Ludeman will be out fighting for a berth on the varsity infield. Martin and Atwell Talley are on the rifle team, Martin having been elected captain this fall. Talley was also elected to membership in the Pandean Players, a university dramatic organization. Hal Barry and Russell Lemley are each in command of a company in the cadet regiment, and Lemley was a member of the debating team which met Illinois early in December. Harold Clearman was placed on the sophomore cotillion committee, and Barry and Lemley on the military ball committee. Our freshmen are also showing their stuff. Harold Stoner and Harry Ashway played freshman football, Stoner being recommended for a numeral. Claude McClurg is on the freshman basketball squad, and we will have several men out for the freshman track team. Stoner also made one of the freshman debating teams.

Arrangements are now being made for our valentine dinner party, an annual chapter affair, and we are beginning to formulate plans for a spring dance at the Country Club.

D. D. REYNOLDS.

SIMPSON.

An event which will be long remembered in the history of Iowa Beta Alpha was the biennial conclave held at Iowa City at the time of the installation of Iowa Delta Beta, formerly the Karnak Club of the State University of Iowa. As the Ames and Simpson chapters were the hosts of the conclave, our entire chapter attended the installation ceremonies and a majority of them remained for the other festivities. The chapter furnished musical entertainment for several of the different functions, introducing several of the new songs composed by "Tip" Olive.

Thanksgiving marked the end of a rather unfortunate football season for the Simpson team. The team was disabled by a number of serious injuries to many of the players. Six of our men received letters at the close of the season—Captain White, Blattenberg, Graves, Bingaman, Wright and McAllister.

About twenty-five of our alumni came back to Indianola during Christmas vacation to attend the annual alumni reunion. This was in charge of Howard F. Sones, '14, who reports that every one enjoyed a royal good time.

The announcing of engagements continues to occur with startling frequency. The following brothers have already lost their pins: Clare Blattenberg to Miss Edith Barker, Pi Beta Phi; Ernest E. Shaw to Miss Gladys Fudge, and Carl Walker Nevius to Miss Grace Dryden, Alpha Chi Omega. "Blest be the tie that binds."

KENNETH B. HOLMES.

IOWA STATE.

Gamma Upsilon is planning now to remodel the house as soon as the weather will permit in the spring. The dining room is to be enlarged, and more room provided on the second and third floors, so that we will have more living rooms.

Seven of the men attended the installation of the Karnak Club at Iowa City on December 9th. They were well entertained there, a smoker, ball and banquet furnishing part of the entertainment. Every one had a most enjoyable time, and all were loathe to leave. The members of the new chapter are all fine men, and it is agreed that no mistake was made when their charter was granted.

On December 18th we were honored by a visit from our Province Chief, George D. Drake. Grant C. Caywood returned shortly before Christmas recess to complete his course in structural design. We are sorry to lose Robert W. Pontius, who was forced to leave after Christmas on account of blood poisoning, but we expect him back next fall. Harry L. Hilleary was recently elected president of the senior class.

We gave our last dance of the semester on December 4th. The hall was decorated with gold and azure crepe paper, and a program of eighteen dances was given. Every one voted the dance a very enjoyable affair.

FULTON B. FLICK.

KANSAS.

With the final quizzes for the fall semester coming next week, Gamma Mu is up and going. The men have all been doing good work this year in an effort to raise our scholastic standing and from present indications not a flunk will be registered against the chapter.

Another thing that has us on our toes is our effort to own our own home and that in the near future. Some years ago the chapter purchased a building site and at present is \$2,575 in debt for same. Of that amount \$2,480 is past due from house notes and with that paid up our lots would be paid for and we could start to build. In order to get quick action we have appointed a new house committee, sent out a letter to our alumni telling them of our plans and asking them to pay up and at present we are turning out copy for a six-column, four-page newspaper which will be published about February 15th.

Our annual barn party was held the night of December 11th and as usual every one came dressed in their old clothes and had a great time eating apples, drinking cider and stuffing straw down the other fellow's back. Our Washington Birthday party comes on February 21st this year and the party committee is already hard at work in an effort to make it the best ever. It will be a formal affair.

The second semester, starting February 1st, will see some of the old fellows back in school again. Louis Wheeler, of Iola, who was out this fall because of sickness, will take up his school work again. Dale Young, of Dodge City, and W. McClung Childs, of Kansas City, will also be in school for the second half of the year. We will also lose three men at the same time. Earl Padgett goes to Rosedale, Kansas, to finish up his medical course, while Coover and Zoelner are leaving school to brush up against work with a capital W.

L. PAUL RATHFON.

MINNESOTA.

The first semester finals are now confronting us, bringing with them the usual worries and hard work that accompany all examinations. They mark a critical time in the year's history of the chapter, but with the possible exception of several freshmen, the boys are well prepared to withstand their fiercest attacks. The pledges also believe in preparedness and we look forward to having none conspicuous by their absence.

The chapter, which was rather small at the beginning of the term, has been brought back to its size of former years by the initiation on November 11th of six new men. Clarence DeHoff has decided to discontinue his university work for the present. We miss his piano playing and hope he will return in the fall. Wilbur Gardner, a sophomore of last year, could not withstand the call of learning and one day walked in upon us with the announcement that he was going to take a three weeks' course in salesmanship.

At the time of the Chicago game this fall, several of the alumni demonstrated their success in rushing men by putting buttons on two new men. We retaliated by pledging another and our pledges now number ten.

The juniors have won the honors in school activities for the last few months. Charles Cole has been appointed treasurer of the junior ball and all the other juniors are on its various committees. Frank Brown is very active at the Agriculture College and a member of its club, Wing and Bow.

Among our recent visitors have been George B. Drake, Chief of Province III; Leslie R. Brown, Leslie H. Wellman and Harold W. Spink, alumni. Spink arrived in time to attend one of our house dances which have become of common occurrence since the phonograph arrived. Every one votes them a success. A larger dance was given at Mrs. Noble's Hall on the evening of November 12th.

NEIL C. STEVENS.

MISSOURI.

Gamma Rho at this time is in the midst of the examination period, with every man working at full steam so that we may have a chance of standing among the first when the scholarship ranking of Missouri fraternities for the first semester is announced. We are very fortunate this year in having freshmen who are very conscientious students, and hence we have not had to thrust the tortures of study hall upon them. We are almost certain that we will have seven freshmen make the required credit so they may be initiated in February. These men will make a strong addition to our present roll.

We regret the loss of C. R. Wilson, who has gone to Washington University to study law. As he is one of the best men that this chapter has ever had, his absence is keenly felt and his value appreciated. He was not entered in the university the last semester, but was assistant coach to the "Tigers."

Just before the beginning of the Christmas holidays we gave a dinner-dance which was a great success. This was followed on January 31st by a house dance, the time being between semesters.

The inter-fraternity basketball games start in February, and we will have a strong team with which we can see no reason for not winning the cup given by the university.

JAMES H. HARKLESS, JR.

NEBRASKA.

With the beginning of the second semester Gamma Theta has pledged three new freshmen.

On November 19th the annual homecoming banquet was held at the Lincoln. Ralph E. Weaverling acted as toastmaster. Thirty-three

alumni were present, representing nine different chapters of A. T. O. Plans are on foot to put the banquet into the hands of the alumni.

Earl Moore (Florida Alpha Omega) has affiliated with Gamma Theta and is registered in the Commercial College.

In school activities Angle was elected president of the sophomore class; Elliott has lead in the Kosmet Club play; Shaw was regular tackle on Nebraska's all-victorious eleven; Marcellus has lead in junior class play; Chittick was elected editor of the *Pharmacy Annual*; Foster has an important role in the Dramatic Club play; Pitman and Barnes are on the freshman basketball squad; Wenstrand was elected to Sigma Delta Chi; Maxwell was elected to the English Club; Foster is out for business manager of the *Cornhusker*; Schumacker and Nye have commissions in the military department.

L. C. Yeoman (Michigan, '93), B. F. Wise (Chicago) and Frank Hauptert (Simpson) were recent visitors. Clyde Caillett, '06, spent a week at the house in November.

Sophomore pledging will go into effect next fall at Nebraska and will undoubtedly work more or less of a hardship on the fraternities for a year.

JOHN WENSTRAND.

WYOMING.

Preparations are swiftly growing into shape for the fourth annual ball which occurs on the 21st of this month. All indications prophesy that it will be the best ball in the history of the chapter. We held an open house on January 30th, at which time we were "at home" to the various organizations and the faculty of the university. Music was furnished by the chapter orchestra, quartet and different soloists. Tea and wafers were served.

Wilcox and Captain Irvin were "W" men of last year's football contingent who made an exceptionally good showing again this year. The team and chapter will suffer great loss by the graduation of Irvin in June. McCracken, a letter man, is showing up well in basketball, thus fulfilling our hopes of being represented.

Shingler, a member of last year's winning team, together with five others from the chapter, are trying out for debating.

BEN APPLEBY.

PROVINCE IV.

MAINE.

Since the last letter to the PALM Beta Upsilon has held the annual initiatory banquet. The banquet this year was held at the Bangor House on October 30th. A most enjoyable time was experienced, with about sixty present. Young, '94, one of the charter members, served

most ably as toastmaster. We were very sorry that Province Chief Macomber was unable to be present on this occasion.

On the opening of school after the Christmas recess, the chapter was fortunate in securing Mrs. A. E. Williams as matron. The old matron's quarters have been repaired so that they are quite attractive and Mrs. Williams is making a big success in her new position.

On January 15th the first house party of the year was held. The remodeling of the house in the summer made about twice the dancing space which we formerly had and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present. We have fared very well, indeed, in the fall elections for honorary positions. Abbot was elected as assistant manager of baseball and as chairman of the sophomore hop committee. Jortberg was elected as assistant manager of track and McCobb was elected to the junior masks. MacFarlane was captain of the freshman baseball team, while Stewart, Cowen and McGrath won their numerals in the freshman-sophomore football game, Stewart in baseball and Chute in track.

FRED H. CURTIS.

COLBY.

Midyears finds the brothers in an extremely satisfying condition, not one being in danger.

We have initiated eleven men this year—four sophomores and seven freshmen. Ivan N. Waldron, ex-17, has returned as a sophomore, thus putting this class, which was rather small, on a par in numbers with the others.

On December 4th the chapter held its annual initiation banquet at the New Augusta House, Augusta, Maine. Ernest C. Marriner, '13, served as toastmaster and John H. Harriman as choragus. Every chapter in the province was represented; Beta Gamma by J. Everett Rowe; Beta Upsilon by L. A. Gerry; Beta Zeta by H. W. Moore; Gamma Beta by J. C. Geer; Gamma Delta by C. R. Johnson, and Gamma Sigma by S. T. Williams. An unusually large number of alumni were present and helped to make the affair a huge success.

We had four varsity football "C's" this year—I. Ross Stanwood, captain of the team; Robert A. Hussey, manager; Horace O. Coolidge, All-Maine tackle, and John G. Selby, varsity quarterback.

Ivan Waldron, although not eligible for relay work this winter, is getting into trim for next spring's races. He held the quarter mile championship for the State in 1914. George E. Ferrell, who had a sure bid for a place on the relay team, has been laid up by an unfortunate attack of grip. Ross Stanwood and William Gallier are working at the shot put, at which Stanwood is college champion.

Crawford A. Treat, Fred A. Pottle, Elmer W. Campbell and Vernon G. Smith have made the Dramatic Club play and Robert T. Carey seems assured of a berth on the college orchestra.

Carroll B. Flanders and Fred A. Pottle are two of the three men picked so far for the intercollegiate debating team. Pottle is also chosen for the Murray prize debate.

Harold E. Hall and Ray E. Whelden made the junior honorary society, the Druids; George E. Ferrell and Daniel J. Sullivan the Mystics, the honorary sophomore society, while Horace O. Coolidge and Robert T. Carey are our freshmen picked for Upsilon Beta.

Our bowling team is showing up well in the college league, and our basketball team is winning honors on all sides.

The brothers who did not go home over Thanksgiving held an informal whist party in the house which everybody enjoyed immensely. We have recently purchased a Victrola, which may be heard running at nearly any hour of day or night.

We insert here an item which we regret was not included in our last letter. The vacancy in the French department left by the resignation of LeRoy J. Cook, of Gamma Beta, who went to Harvard to pursue graduate study, has been filled by another A. T. O., Clarence R. Johnson, of Gamma Delta. Mr. Johnson is a man of wide experience, having but lately returned from Robert College, Constantinople, where he was an instructor. He takes a great deal of interest in the chapter affairs and in his short stay here has won the respect and affection of all the brothers.

We regret to announce that Paul N. R. Shailer and John G. Selby have left college for the remainder of the year. Both were very popular and will be much missed.

FRED A. POTTLE.

M. I. T.

With the midyear examinations over and every one feeling that he "hit them pretty hard," the chapter looks forward to a prosperous and pleasant second term. During the past few months several of the brothers have identified themselves with student activities. O'Brien, '17, has been made assistant business manager of *Technique*, the junior year book, and is also a member of the institute committee. E. C. Shultz, '19, is a member of the Mandolin Club, the Banjo Club and the Tech orchestra. Dean Willey, '19, has been elected to the business staff of the Tech and is doing good work. Paul Bertelsen, '17, is vice commodore of the Rowing Club. Rowe, '18, is interested in the Tech show.

On Saturday, November 6th, the first house party of the year was held; the various couples attending the University of Pennsylvania-Dartmouth game in the afternoon. After an enjoyable dinner at the house, every one took part in the dancing upstairs, the music being furnished by Turner's orchestra from Tufts. On the following afternoon an informal tea was held at the house. Those who attended the house party, as well as several alumni and friends of the chapter, were present. Light refreshments and good music by the guests, as well as the brothers,

made the tea a most enjoyable affair. In fact, it proved so successful that another was held on Sunday afternoon, December 18th, which was attended by about fifty. The chapter hopes to hold more in the future.

At 7.30 on the morning of November 15th a football game between Beta Gamma and Phi Gamma Delta took place, Beta Gamma winning, 6-0, by superior generalship and playing.

Province Chief Macomber entertained the brothers at a Christmas party at the Engineers' Club on Saturday evening, December 18th. After an entertainment by three professionals a delicious buffet lunch was served. Macomber then presented every one with an appropriate gift, some of which forced the recipient to keep in mind that "every knock is a boost." After some Tech and A. T. O. songs the enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

A new development in fraternity system at Tech is the Inter-Fraternity Conference, which has been organized to deal with affairs common to all fraternities. Our representatives are P. H. Buxton and W. G. Farr.

We are pleased to have received visits from Harry Moore, of Vermont; E. C. Mills, of Indiana Gamma Gamma; Stanwood and Coolidge, of Colby; Howard Baughman and Charles Vandervoort, of Penn Tau; Shumway, Tease and Carlyle, of Worcester; Thorndyke, Huban and Fairbanks, of Tufts; and Sanborn, of Cornell. The following alumni have also visited the house during the term: Ray Low, William Roberts, Harold Jenks, J. H. Enwright, Karl Mason, Ernest Kerr, Arthur Nelson, T. F. Spear, George Randolph and E. H. Packard.

Edwin F. Barry, of Alabama Alpha Epsilon, is our latest affiliate. He is a junior this year.

We are sorry to lose Farnsworth and Lewis, both of '17, who are going to work.

WEBB C. PATTERSON.

TUFTS.

Half a year has passed and Gamma Beta now has twenty-four members. Since the last letter, we have initiated the remaining six of our freshman pledges. Our ranks, however, have been lowered by the loss of Harris G. Monroe, '18, and Kenneth B. Erkenbrack, '19, who have left college and entered business.

On November 30th we banqueted the varsity football team at the chapter house. We hold a unique position, being the only fraternity on the "Hill" to banquet the team.

Thirty couples attended our annual house party on December 17th. Besides dancing, those present gathered around the fireplaces, toasted marshmallows and cracked Pecan nuts furnished by "Texas" Merritt, '17. Before the party broke up, a Christmas tree was enjoyed, at which every brother received one or more presents given in the form of a local joke on the brother.

The annual initiation banquet to the freshmen was held at the chapter house on January 22d. Forty-five were present, including Province Chief Macomber; delegates Riley, of Colby; Brown, of M. I. T.; Teaze, of Worcester; and Wright, of Brown, as well as twelve alumni. The affair was a great success, the speeches were excellent, and the true Alpha Tau Omega spirit was in the atmosphere.

We have resumed the practice of sending delegates to the initiation banquets of the province chapters. Symmes, '17, attended the Vermont banquet, and Geer, '18, represented us at Colby. We are planning to send delegates to the banquets at Brown and Worcester.

Geer, '18; Hammond, '18, and Beattie, '19, have made the Glee Club. Geer is assistant manager of the club. McKenzie, '18, is on the sophomore basketball team, while Donnellan, '16, and McLellan, '16, play for the seniors. Fairbanks, '16, has been elected treasurer of the class day committee. Geer, '18, has been picked as assistant manager of the *Tufts Weekly*, the college publication. Although Tufts' championship baseball team of last year is practically intact this season, Leo Porter, '17; McKenzie, '18, and Geer, '18, on the second team last year, and Donnellan, '16, a "T" man three years ago, intend to go out for the team.

Our alumni have paid us frequent visits during the half year. The alumni association is conducting a successful campaign to remove the mortgage on our house. That the active brothers are co-operating with them may be seen when one night sixteen shares of stock were pledged in five minutes. Our "Alumni Night" was a very successful event. Sixteen of the "old boys" were back and all spoke optimistically regarding themselves and the chapter.

Mabie, of California Beta Psi; Cutter and Darling, of Gamma Sigma; Moore, of Beta Zeta; Schultz, of Beta Gamma, and Philbrook, of Beta Upsilon, have paid us visits.

We have just pledged a new man and have our eyes on one or two others.

J. CLIFFORD GEER.

WORCESTER.

The midyear examinations were passed through this year without the loss of any Gamma Sigma men from the chapter roll. R. B. Heath, ex-'18, who left school last spring after a severe attack of illness, has returned to school as a member of the class of 1919. The chapter now has thirty-seven members on the roll, and is in a prosperous condition.

In student activities A. T. O. still holds a high place on the "Hill." There have been few elections recently to add to the positions already reported, but in nearly every activity Gamma Sigma has one or more men prominent. C. A. Stone, L. W. Dunbar and I. O. Mossberg were letter men on the football team, and W. F. Kennedy has been elected football manager for next year. N. P. Knowlton is a member of the varsity

relay team, and G. M. Pomeroy and C. A. Stone are manager and captain, respectively, of the baseball team. C. S. Darling is a member of the rifle team. A. C. Bird has a character part in the Tech show, and G. M. Pomeroy and N. C. Firth are advertising and assistant advertising managers, respectively, of the same production.

In scholarship the chapter holds a good record. F. G. Gifford was recently initiated into Tau Beta Pi. Of eight juniors, five were exempted from the final examination in physics and four from the mechanics examination because of high standing. There were also A. T. O. men on the freshman and sophomore exemption lists.

The second and third house dances of the year were held November 23d and January 29th. On the anniversary of the chapter's admission into A. T. O. the active members presented to the house a sectional bookcase and indirect lighting for all the fraternity living rooms of the first floor.

Delegates have been sent to all the province initiation banquets. C. A. Stone was delegate at Maine; C. S. Darling at Vermont; S. T. Williams at Colby, and M. H. Teaze at Tufts. G. M. Pomeroy is delegate to the province conclave.

A very successful Christmas dinner was held December 19th, at which several alumni were present.

C. S. DARLING.

BROWN.

With the closing of the pan-hellenic rushing season directly after Thanksgiving eight promising freshmen were pledged. The season had been a long and strenuous one, although the results were highly satisfactory. As a whole, the new rushing system was unsatisfactory. At our different rush meetings members of the Tufts, M. I. T. and Worcester chapters aided us materially. Already the freshmen are showing a keen interest in affairs and are coming through their examinations in flying colors.

In college activities, Levin seems to be outdoing himself. He is one of the most popular men on the campus; the moving spirit of "D and D," the honorary senior society; manager of class basketball team and member of the college Glee Club. Dursin, '16, has been re-elected president of the French Club. Curtis, '16, is also a member of "D and D." Spear, '17, is on the junior Liber board and member of the junior week committee. Among the pledges, Samson is out for literary editor of the *Brunonian* and champion freshman gymnast. Billy King is also out for the gym team.

Every one is now making plans to attend the conclave in Boston on February 22d. Among the visitors at the house have been Brown, '14; Bass, '13; Warner, '12; Caisse, of Colby, and Root, of Worcester.

R. H. SPEAR.

VERMONT.

Midyear examinations are at present claiming the full attention of Beta Zeta, although our scholastic standing is so high that we have little fear of the outcome. Nevertheless, it will be a relief to every one when the ordeal is past.

{ Our initiation banquet was held at the chapter house November 19, 1915, and was highly successful, despite the fact that Adams and Wilson had to leave at an early hour in order to be in condition for the Middlebury game the following day. Page performed the duties of toastmaster to the satisfaction of all and the following delegates from other chapters of the province responded to toasts: A. E. Gregory from Gamma Delta; L. P. Symmes from Gamma Beta; Farr from Beta Gamma; C. S. Darling from Gamma Sigma, and E. S. Staples from Gamma Delta. Province Chief Macomber responded to the toast, "Our Brotherhood," and Professor "Jake" gave a touching tribute to the late Professor Merrill, "Our Dearest Memory."

Our final social event of the year 1915 was the annual formal dance held at the Hotel Vermont roof garden on December 21st, the day preceding the Christmas holidays. Practically every member of the active chapter attended with Professor and Mrs. Dix and Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh as chaperons. A special orchestra was imported for the occasion and did much toward making the affair a success.

Just a brief account of the part which we are playing in college activities. R. C. Sanders, who has been working hard for the football team for three years, was elected manager and has already arranged a schedule which promises to be the best Vermont has had in recent years. At the same time H. V. Adams was elected assistant manager. He is also assistant manager of the *Ariel*. Butler and Scott are members of the Glee Club which is managed by the latter. We regret to say that Duncan, who was also a member of this club, left college at Christmas to accept a position at his home, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Bogie is on the rifle team. Of the freshmen, Byington was on the class debating team and Wilson has been recently elected manager of class basketball. D. O. Smith, a 1918 man whom we initiated just after the holidays, is a transfer from Norwich and is taking the medical course here. He played on the class football team.

Bogie, Pedan and Newton are working hard as members of the committee which is getting up our fraternity stunt for the U. V. M. Kake Walk. The object of this great annual event is to induce sub-freshmen throughout the State to come to Vermont. This year it will take place on February 22d and promises to be fully as successful as those of former years.

R. C. BROWN.

PROVINCE V.

ST. LAWRENCE.

Following the bringing out of seven new brothers at the initiatory banquet on November 13th the chapter gathered impetus, and affairs have been conducted very satisfactorily and creditably during the first semester of the college year. The banquet itself was lively and well attended. Toasts were given by H. S. Sutton, '17, and D. H. Moore, '16, from the active chapter; V. G. Dodds, '19, from the initiates, and J. H. Dullea, '91, and H. F. Landon, '13, from the alumni. R. G. Vilas, '13, acted as toastmaster.

R. I. Noble, '18, and B. S. Guernsey, '19, the latter a pledge of the chapter, are playing the forward positions on this year's basketball team and are easily the stars of the quintet. At every college at which games have been played it has been these two men who have received the credit as the strongest on the St. Lawrence team. Besides these, Reynolds, '18, is making a strong bid for a guard position and has played in several of the games. V. G. Dodds, '19, gained an unusual honor for a freshman when he made the varsity debate team this year. H. S. Sutton, '17, has recently been appointed manager of dramatics for the current season.

Two parties were held at the chapter house during the month of December. On the 10th a formal dancing party was enjoyed by the members of the active chapter and a few of the alumni. During the Christmas recess a large number of alumni who were in the vicinity held a successful dance, about twenty-five couples attending.

We have been favored with a large number of visits from alumni of late, including F. J. Eastman, '86; G. W. Dodds, '12; R. G. Vilas, '13; J. D. Griffin, '13; H. F. Landon, '13; F. E. Dexter, '14; L. A. Kinney, '14.

On the evening of January 28th a team composed of old basketball stars lined up against the varsity five for a practice game and it is interesting to note that five of the six alumni who played were A. T. O.'s.

H. S. SUTTON.

CORNELL.

Beta Theta is beginning the spring term with thirty-one active members exclusive of freshmen. Our rushing season will begin February 27th, being held in the second term for the first time at Cornell, and with a large number of fine prospective Taus in sight we hope to have a record-breaking freshman class. The alumni have been especially good this year in writing us concerning promising material for membership.

The chapter is holding its own in the matter of scholastic work, as well as in the various undergraduate activities. We are well represented

on the basketball team by W. H. Sutterby at center, R. K. Austin at guard, and by A. W. Ward and A. W. Winship as first string substitutes. F. H. Thomas has made the All-American soccer team. H. C. Drescher and H. W. Hubbell are members of sophomore class committees; F. J. Clary, H. G. Ford and L. G. Wygant were appointed to the freshman advisory committee, and P. F. Sanborne and F. H. Thomas are members of the senior banquet and senior tax committees, respectively. L. F. Hicks has been elected to the Savage Club and Allan Ross and H. C. Drescher have made Phi Delta Phi, the honorary law fraternity.

We are well represented at spring baseball practice by W. H. Sutterby, F. J. Clary, R. K. Austin, F. H. Thomas, A. W. Ward, E. W. Kleinert, A. W. Winship and J. E. Laird. Three of these men, Clary, Sutterby and Austin, were members of last year's team.

H. C. DRESCHER.

MUHLENBERG.

The new year of 1916 finds Alpha Iota alive and doing things. The chapter has just weathered semester examinations and everything points to an undepleted membership for the second half of the year. The chapter roll now numbers twenty-two men and five pledges who will be initiated shortly.

Interest at Muhlenberg is now centered on the basketball team, of which William Ritter is captain and Luther Fry manager. Afflerbach, Witmer and Hollenbaugh are on the squad. At the close of the 1915 football season, William Lawrence Caskey was elected captain of next year's eleven to succeed Ritter. Caskey has played three years at the fullback position and his selection to the highest honor in the student body was received with commendation. Other men in the chapter to receive football monograms are Hollenbaugh and Steel. Afflerbach was student manager. Several of the brothers are now conditioning themselves for the track squad with the hope of gathering in points for Muhlenberg in the spring.

College activities find Alpha Iota well represented. Joseph Hummel is business manager of the Glee Club, on which are Keck and pledges Wahl, Miller and Kroesen. Pledge Schwartz is pianist for the organization. Hartzell was recently elected vice president of the Cue and Quill Club, in which there are a goodly number of the brothers. In the freshman class elections, pledges Kroesen and Wahl were elected president and vice president, respectively.

RAYMOND LEEMHUIS.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Since the last PALM letter, Alpha Pi has been progressing very rapidly. It has been active in all branches of the college life. On the football field we were well represented and John Tressel, a freshman, has been

showing good form on the basketball floor. B. L. Connelly is president of the athletic association and Jack Drew is assistant manager of the Buskin Club. The chapter held a very successful house party during the Thanksgiving recess, having brothers from Lehigh and State present, together with several alumni. The financial standing of the chapter has been raised to a profitable basis. Alpha Pi is planning for a house building fund, which is to be started this spring term.

School has been suspended for about three weeks on account of a scarlet fever epidemic. However, the health authorities have the disease under control and we hope to resume school activities in a short time.

Alpha Pi hopes that all other chapters are enjoying the best of prosperity.

J. A. SHAW.

LEHIGH.

Alpha Rho has now entered upon what promises to be an eventful year and one that is to be long remembered by the members who follow. At last our hopes have been realized, for by the time this letter is published we will be living in our new home on the university campus, where every Alpha Tau is always most cordially welcome. The new chapter house is a marvel of beauty and surely surpasses any of the fraternity houses about the college. It bids fair to hold its own for many years to come. The furniture and interior decorations, for which ample arrangements are being made by the building committee, are to be justly appropriate for such a magnificent dwelling.

Notwithstanding our excitement, every one is primed for the impending midyear examinations. All of the members of the chapter have been doing good scholastic work during the closing semester and there are good prospects for every one to stay in college.

The brothers have found time, besides that taken for their studies, to indulge in many other college activities. Miles W. Kresge has annexed quite a few college honors to his name during the past year. These are the editor of the senior class book, manager of the combined musical clubs, president of the Mechanical Engineering Society, senior class historian, and is also a member of Tau Beta Pi. H. L. Lancaster is treasurer of the senior class. G. Y. Custer was elected to the Cyanide Club, a local college organization. B. M. Neubert is on the wrestling team, having qualified for the inter-class wrestling bouts. W. C. Cahall was forced to end his illustrious college football career with the closing of Lehigh's season, having completed four successful years of college football. All of the sophomores in the house are out for some sort of activity. W. T. Staats lost the election for assistant manager of the football team by but a very few votes. J. P. Ambler is working hard for the assistant managership of basketball, while the position of assistant manager of wrestling is sought by C. S. Hyatt. S. S. Richards is endeavoring to become business manager of the *Epitome*, the college year book.

We were especially pleased with the short but pleasant visit of Courson, Fischer and Dimmick, of Gamma Omega, while on an industrial tour with some senior chemists. Among other visitors were J. W. Raine, C. P. Brinton, John Hart, Otto Graham, William Sturgis, Joseph Haggendach, Fry and O. H. Smith.

S. S. RICHARDS.

GETTYSBURG.

In the past three months Alpha Upsilon has enjoyed a period of prosperity that is a source of great satisfaction, and a stirring inspiration for the future. The freshman members have now been thoroughly assimilated, and it is quite remarkable how the entire twenty-five of us can all pull in the same direction.

Basketball is now the prevailing sport at Gettysburg. We have a winning team, a big schedule, and our prospects are excellent. Considerable faith is placed in the three men who represent us in that sport—James E. Mahaffie, Leon R. Mead and James A. Hatch.

In a few weeks the combined musical clubs of the college will make their tour. Wilbur S. Mellinger, William A. Thompson, Arthur W. Glunt and Walter K. Thrush will represent Alpha Upsilon in these organizations.

Since returning from the Christmas vacation, we have held a very successful dance, which was well attended and enjoyed by many warm friends of the chapter.

We have enjoyed recent visits by Rev. C. W. Baker, W. H. Burd, G. H. Hummel and Doyle R. Leathers. The chapter extends to all members of Alpha Tau Omega a cordial invitation to visit us whenever possible.

STEWART E. DUFF.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE.

After a joyous season of festivity and mirth of the Christmas holidays we return again to the scene of our labors to be confronted by our mid-year examinations. It is the aim of Gamma Omega to get at this time a higher standing in the scholarship contest than heretofore.

The Pennsylvania Day house party was a great success, about sixteen girls being present. A fine time was enjoyed by all, as can be well imagined. There is going to be an informal dance given on February 11th which will undoubtedly prove to be one of the bright spots of the college year.

In various college activities the chapter is well represented as always. H. R. Pickett, '16, is on the varsity wrestling squad and has been elected into Lion's Paw, an honorary senior society. M. J. Bishop, '16, is center on the varsity basketball team. M. M. Lewis, '17, was elected class basketball manager. H. E. Longdon, '18, is playing on the basketball team of his class. F. P. Smith, '19, and D. T. Shenton, '19, were awarded their numerals for class soccer, as was F. Unger, '19, for freshman foot-

ball. Wilson and McCauley are working hard for the managership of the varsity wrestling team. In the musical organizations our men are playing a prominent part. C. R. Snyder, '17, is president of the band, its principal musician and manager of the orchestra. W. G. Powell, '16, is president of the orchestra and student leader of the band. K. H. Langenberg, '17, is assistant manager of the orchestra. W. W. MacMain, '18, is now a member of the varsity quartet. H. Dimmig has recently been initiated into Sigma Tau, an honorary engineering fraternity.

One of the most interesting events of the past year was the banquet held at the chapter house on the evening of December 15th. After the banquet a stunt committee, headed by Chairman Fair, '17, amused the *audience* for over an hour. The DeBoozy-Boo Grand Uproar Company, composed of Powell, Langenberg, Cadigan, Snyder and MacMain, gave several very touching (?) renditions of the modern drama.

Of our three pledges, Etter is vice president of the freshman class and chairman of the sophomore banquet committee. Wallace is out for the freshman basketball team.

The principal speaker at the recent pan-hellenic banquet was Thomas A. Clark, of Illinois Gamma Zeta, and dean of men of the University of Illinois.

The chapter has been visited recently by Thorn, Watson, Goodnow, Rieck, Humphries, Dale, Malin, Rankin and Wetzels, of our own chapter, and by Staats and Cahall, of Alpha Rho. M. J. WILSON.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU.

With the opening of the second semester the attention of the several fraternities is focused upon "freshman rushing. According to the present system of rushing, freshmen must have successfully passed their midyear examinations to be eligible for fraternity membership. Practically all of the rushing is done in one month. We sincerely welcome any aid which our alumni can give us, as well as the alumni of other chapters, either by being present at our smokers or by sending names of any one they consider worthy.

Walton played goal on this fall's soccer team. Berry is out daily training for track and baseball, in which much is expected of him. He will compete in numerous indoor meets this spring.

We are well represented in class executives, as Nevins is president of the sophomore class of the college and Replogle is president of the second year medical class. Replogle has also been elected captain of the tennis team for the coming season. Much is expected of him this year.

Weber danced in the chorus of the Mask and Wig preliminary show. On February 5th an alumni "get-together night" will be held, at which we hope definite plans will be formulated for a new chapter house.

JOE REPLOGLE.

PROVINCE VI.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Alpha Delta has begun the spring term work with thirteen active members.

The most interesting news we have at this time is the report of the dean of the college of liberal arts for 1914-15, which gives the average grades of fraternities represented on the "Hill," exclusive of professional students. Alpha Tau Omega leads with a good margin, and we are proud of our position which we strove so hard last year to reach. At the present time we are standing midyear examinations and expect to increase our lead. Our mark is 83, Zeta Psi and Sigma Chi being tied for second place with 79.

We were glad to have two of our young alumni visit the chapter in November. Frank Drew, of Live Oak, Florida, and Edward F. McCullough, of Elizabethtown, came to see us. Also Cameron McRae has paid us several visits lately.

Eugene E. Barnett, our young alumni missionary from Hangchow, China, conducted a series of successful meetings under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. last fall.

The Trinity Xi chapter will be joint hosts with us to the conclave of Province VI, February 14th, 15th and 16th. Being only twelve miles apart, we decided to co-operate and give our visiting brothers a great reception.

Hoke Black has succeeded in arranging a very good varsity baseball schedule for this spring. McD. Lewis will play his last year on the baseball team. Hugh Black will continue his activities as a 220 man on the track. On the whole the chapter expects to be very active all the spring.

MCDANIEL LEWIS.

TRINITY.

Preparations are at the present time being made for the biannual province conclave, which will be held this year under the auspices of the two North Carolina chapters at Trinity and the university. The probable date of this conclave will be February 14th and 15th. Arrangements are being made between the Xi and Alpha Delta chapters for the entertainment of the representatives.

Alpha Taus this year are especially active in all phases of college life. Athletes, musicians, editors, honor men and scholars of this chapter are in the front rank. And in the social world our chapter is holding its own.

J. O. Durham has the distinction of being the only athletic captain in the junior class, he being the pilot of the 1916 baseball team. C. F.

Matton is this year serving his second year as captain of the varsity track team and is also playing on this year's basketball team. Banks Arendell is manager of the varsity track team, and J. W. Smoot is in line for the managership of next year's baseball team. J. H. Ruff has won his "T" in track and is one of the varsity's most reliable sprinters.

J. E. Bennett and J. H. Ruff are both members of the college Glee Club, and Bennett is a likely candidate for managership next year. Banks Arendell is a member and manager of the college band.

In all the honor organizations Alpha Tau Omega is well represented. In the "Tombs," a local order for the promotion of athletics, we have six men. Two of our men represent the chapter in the "9019," the local scholarship fraternity. One Alpha Tau is a member of Sigma Upsilon, the literary fraternity. Durham is president of the junior class.

Since the opening of college, J. W. Wallace has been initiated. Wallace is a member of the present senior class and is a strong man for the chapter. L. C. Matton is a pledge to be initiated at some early date.

Our chapter was recently host to a very delightful box party to "High Jinks." Convers, of North Carolina Alpha Delta, was present to enjoy the occasion.

We were very glad to have with us several visiting brothers lately. Among these were Roberts, of Beta Tau; Convers, Pendergraft, Black, Winslow and Lewis, of Alpha Delta, and Sholar, an ex-member of this chapter.

H. E. NEWBURY.

CHARLESTON.

Beginning the year with eight old men, Beta Xi has been strengthened by the initiation of eight freshmen, and with the present number, hopes to establish a record for a successful year in every way. Dotterer, one of the initiates, has already shown his value to the college by winning his "Arrow C" for work on the track team.

The plan of having informal parties frequently in our rooms has been followed this year, as it proved so successful last year, and there have been several affairs which were much enjoyed. Just before the Christmas holidays an informal dance was given, and was well attended by the alumni. Additional parties are in view and plans for the German given annually by the chapter are being formed.

In addition to the captaincy of the basketball team, the position of president of the athletic association has been conferred on Pinckney. Stoney is secretary and treasurer of the association. Ravenel, recently elected manager of the basketball team, distinguished himself in a recent golf tournament in this city by taking two cups. Other members of the chapter are showing up well on the basketball squad. In the literary line, Rivers is president of the Chrestomathic Literary Society, and a promising candidate in the approaching oratorical contest.

To arouse the interest of the alumni, special "alumni nights" were appointed during the past term. Besides our regular visitors, several other alumni have paid us visits lately, especially around Christmas time. The Beta Xi men were: John Fitzsimmons, Theodore Fitzsimmons, Albert Simons, C. Chisolm, Jennings, Benny Simons, Todd, Bull. We have also been glad to see Fitzsimmons (Georgia Beta Iota) and Planck (Indiana Gamma Gamma), while E. H. Martin is one of our regular visiting alumni.

J. I. WARING, JR.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

In admitting to the fraternity eight new brothers, Virginia Beta has set a record for local membership. There are twenty-one Alpha Taus in the Washington and Lee chapter. Never before has the personnel of the local organization been so large in numbers.

One important change has been made among the members of Virginia Beta. For the past year and a half, the meetings of the chapter have been held in a room for that purpose in the house. Recently a decision to expand was reached and a spacious hall in the city leased for that purpose. The chapter hall has been lavishly decorated and outfitted, and is a great improvement by virtue of its commodiousness. There are two anterooms in addition to the spacious hall. It has been furnished in the fraternity colors, the scheme being followed even to the tones of the rugs.

Another big honor has fallen among the ranks of the chapter. Harry K. Young, who was then captain-elect of the 1916 basketball and track teams, was named unanimously for captain of the 1916 varsity football eleven. Allein Beall, Jr., succeeded, in competition with a large field of candidates, in securing the appointment of assistant manager of the gridiron team for 1916. At present, there are assistant managers of football, baseball and track among the personnel of Virginia Beta. And, at the present writing, M. W. Paxton, Jr., is offering for assistant manager of basketball.

In basketball, "Cy" Young, the captain, is playing a great game at guard. J. B. Wadsworth is one of the most dependable substitute basketballers and is captain of the scrubs. T. H. Scovell was elected manager of the freshman class team. In track, J. B. Gladney, E. L. Gladney, R. M. Blankenship and H. K. Young are members of the track squad which started training early in January.

The twelfth annual fancy dress ball, the big midyear event, had Reuben A. Lewis as its president and leader. It was given in the new \$125,000 Doremus gymnasium on February 29th. He was appointed as chairman of the executive committee of final week and will assist the president in the events of commencement. Matt Paxton, who, as champion amateur golfer of Virginia, received quite a bit of praise in the

press, has been elected to reciprocate on behalf of the sophomore class, which appointed him as its historian at a recent election.

In the premiere of the Glee Clubs, J. B. Wadsworth, T. S. Jones and E. D. Crocheron participated.

Reuben A. Lewis represented Virginia Beta at the conclave of the province at Durham in February. REUBEN A. LEWIS.

VIRGINIA.

Virginia Delta has chosen Charles Henderson to represent her at the approaching province conclave to be held on February 14th, 15th and 16th at Durham, North Carolina.

Since Christmas R. V. Funsten and J. E. Swepston, both of whom left college early last year, have returned and have added their strength to the chapter.

Virginia Delta is doing her share in the various college activities. William R. Abbot has won a place on the track team and John Abbot has been appointed to the editorial board of *Corks and Curls*, the university annual. Robert Bingham, one of this year's initiates, is a member of the 1916 Glee Club.

Sylvanus Stokes, an alumnus of this chapter, has presented the house with a handsome pool table, which adds much to the attractiveness of the new A. T. O. home.

The chapter has recently held an open soiree to which the whole college was invited, and the affair was in every respect a great success. Aside from the general enjoyment of the occasion, it typified the active spirit of the 1916 chapter in its effort to unite its own members more closely and to make itself felt as a real force in college.

F. STRINGFELLOW BARR.

PROVINCE VII.

MOUNT UNION.

At the close of a very successful semester with the largest membership and the best conditions prevailing generally, Ohio Alpha Nu sends greetings to all brothers. We were most fortunate in rushing season this year, and the record made by the pledges has fully justified our expectations. Lichty was elected freshman president; Coombs, Allott and Gwinner won football numerals, and six pledges made the basketball squad. In February the usual examination dealing with fraternity history will be given. A new plan of initiation will be used this year. An entire afternoon and evening will be devoted to a general initiation, followed by an informal dinner in the evening. Many of the alumni are expected back for this event.

A fair share of scholastic honors have been won by the active men this year. Among the school offices we have the editor and business manager of the *Dynamo*, the editor and assistant editor of the *Unonian*, the cheer leader, the vice president of the senior class, the historian of the sophomore class, and a member of the junior prom committee. Four of the six new "M's" granted this year were awarded to Alpha Tau. We have at present seven varsity men in school. Lindsay is track manager and McLean baseball captain.

The house is in fine condition this year, but we are impatiently awaiting the completion of the plans for the new home. Definite steps have been taken toward circulating the notes and there is every reason to hope for the early completion of the project.

R. F. FLETCHER.

WITTENBERG.

This issue finds Alpha Psi at the end of the first semester. The last few weeks were spent in preparation for examinations, so our social functions have been lacking in this period.

The chapter held its annual banquet in honor of the ten freshmen on January 17th. Among those on the program were J. B. McGrew and Judge Golden C. Davis, prominent lawyers of this city. After a seven-course dinner was served, our attention was held by speeches with great enthusiasm. The ten freshmen in whose honor the banquet was held are as follows: Herman Fultz, James H. Goodall, George Holman, William Locke, Walter Rickard, William Mills, Robert Tittle, Willard Weigel, Frank Burns and Harry Stewart.

Plans for a smoker which is to be given on February 10th are under way.

Reuben Betchtel, who has been holding the quarterback position on the football squad for the past two years, was given the captaincy for the 1916 football season. Howard Dunmire played his last game Thanksgiving. The four men receiving "W's" from this chapter are Betchtel, Dunmire, Netts and Shearer. Betchtel and Netts also hold down the guard positions on the basketball team. Both have been voted on favorably for All-Ohio guards.

Election of officers for the coming semester was held on January 24th. Howard Dunmire was elected Worthy Master and is quite worthy of his office. His endeavors are to make this coming term a very successful one.

We have received visits from the following brothers: Rev. George Schmidt, Rev. E. C. Dolbeer, I. Bruce Amick, Rev. T. B. Hursh, Myrl Miller, Downing Beach, Edwin Woodard and William Wilson.

FRANK M. BURNS.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

This letter finds Beta Eta in the midst of the final examinations which close the semester. With the return of Mitchell we have fourteen active men in the chapter and six pledges. These men will be initiated on February 21st and in their honor a banquet will be given.

In college activities we are well represented, two winning football "W's"; one on the basketball squad; three practicing baseball indoors; two on the track squad; one in the honorary gymnastic fraternity; managers of both the baseball and track teams; one on the college Glee Club; one on each of the college papers, and a representative in each of all the inter-fraternity organizations.

The inter-fraternity basketball season is just approaching and we are practicing every noon and expect to make a creditable showing.

Financially we are coming out ahead. This was done by overcoming the overhead expenses.

The recent visitors have been Fuller, Baker, Penn, Peat, Idleman, Main, Potts, Little, Bishop, Graham, Smith, Knodle and Reick from this chapter; Bulger from Ohio State; Waite from Wittenberg, and Dr. C. C. Mitchell from Albion, Michigan.

ARTHUR R. REID.

RESERVE.

Ohio Gamma Kappa is now busy with midyear examinations. The semester just closing has been a very successful one for us, and we are looking forward to even brighter prospects.

Athletically, this half year has been unusually bright. Four men, Schuele, '16; McConnel, '17; Stitt, '17, and Erb, '18, were awarded "R's" for varsity football. Schuele, McConnel and Erb were selected for All-Ohio honors. McConnel has been chosen to captain the 1916 team. Sunderland, '16, captain, and Schuele are playing center and left guard, respectively, on the university basketball team. Carlson, '17, and Baird, '16, are regular substitutes. Nicol, '17, is student manager of the team.

The annual New Year's ball of the chapter was held on Monday evening, January 17th, and was attended by some thirty couples. Among those present were J. R. Goodwin, formerly of Ohio Alpha Psi, now attending Case School of Applied Science in this city, and Louis Narwald, of Pennsylvania Tau. The chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gibson.

Clippinger, '19, was elected freshman representative to the athletic board for a term of four years. Clippinger and Stewart, '19, were awarded freshman football numerals.

The chapter is now preparing for the biggest event of the year, the province conclave which is to be held here in March. L. G. Smith, '16, chairman of the social committee, is co-operating with Province Chief J. Paul Thompson in working out extensive plans for the best conclave ever held by this chapter. A large attendance from the down-state chapters is expected.

R. B. Waugh, '18, who has been at home helping his father during the first semester, expects to return to school in February.

Steel and Black, both of Pennsylvania Alpha Pi, and Clyde Waugh, of Ohio Beta Omega, recently paid visits to the chapter.

N. J. McCONOUGHNEY.

PROVINCE VIII.

KENTUCKY.

Mu Iota, with the veterans Ewan, Dabney and Tuttle standing guard, is to start the spring term with sixteen active men and eleven pledges that have a good chance to become brothers after examination reports come in.

We are well represented in school activities now and will be in the future, as is shown by the following: Taylor is president of the senior mechanical engineering society; Peak is associate editor of the *Kentucky Kernel*; Lamaster made Alpha Zeta; Martin is a captain in the batallion; Hill is a first lieutenant; Kinne has a place on the varsity basketball team, and Longsworth (pledge) has a good chance to make substitute on the same team. Heik and McElvain (pledges) made varsity "sub." Thompson has been chosen captain to lead next season's "Wildcats" to even greater victories than they achieved this year. Hopkins has been chosen to manage the varsity football team next year. Tuttle was assistant coach of this year's winning team in football.

The chapter has a practice of appointing a brother to prepare a talk for the next meeting on some phase of the fraternity work, hoping in this way to give the members a greater knowledge of their brotherhood. Ewan gave the history of our organization from the time it was a local through to its installation as a chapter of A. T. O. Peak gave a talk on the organization and the founders of Alpha Tau Omega. A "goat school" organized in the fall has continued to hold its weekly meetings. Porter is endeavoring to make them worthy to become Alpha Taus. Sunday afternoons the entire chapter, including the pledges, meet at the house to hear informal talks from members of the faculty and prominent men from the city. Thomas F. Gailor, whose son is a Rhodes scholar, is soon to visit here and we hope to have him talk to us.

Our annual banquet given each year in honor of our installation will be given this year on February 26th, as this date is more suitable for the alumni who want to attend. Alumni and visiting brothers will be welcome if they can arrange to come.

H. L. MILWARD.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.

Alpha Tau opened 1916 under favorable auspices. Every brother returned after the Christmas holidays, and all were glad to report of the

good times they had. New life has been instilled into the chapter and each man is striving to make 1916 mean more for us than 1915.

On January 20th the freshmen delightfully surprised the "old" men with a delicious oyster luncheon and theatre party. A merry evening was spent, and the freshmen were congratulated because of their thoughtfulness and ability as hosts.

On January 25th a delightful chafing dish party was given. It was strictly informal and everybody tried to make the one next to him have a good time. Several entertaining games and contests were held, some of which gave the fair sex the opportunity to show their ability as proposers. Refreshments were served in addition to the dainties cooked by the fair guests. Parting time came too soon, so every one said.

Several other events are planned for the year, and preparations are being made for the crowning affair of the season.

In the scholastic and athletic side of school life Alpha Tau holds her own. One of our new pledges promises to be a great help to the chapter athletically. He is a star basketball player and one of the fastest men seen on the floor in some time.

A. BOSCH.

VANDERBILT.

Things have been humming along busily at Vanderbilt now for half the year and Beta Pi is one of the busiest hummers in the university. With winning football and basketball teams and with good prospects for track and baseball, we may say that the year is a success in athletics. A student council system for student organization has been adopted. The question of having a delayed spiking season is now up for consideration, and it seems that the delayed season will replace the old method.

Alpha Tau has got her share of the recent school honors. Bingham is vice president of the freshman class. Wills has made the Blue Pencil Club and the *Hustler* staff. Ellis is on the Commodore board and is faculty knocker for the senior class. Shannon has had added to his many honors the presidency of the Y. M. C. A. We are represented in The Prentices, a new literary club, by Heathcock and Almon. Warner is commodore representative of the senior pharmacy class. Ford won the tennis championship in singles. Evans is on the *Hustler* staff. D. Davidson is senior class poet, a member of the Calumet Club, and is on the *Observer* staff.

We have been holding our own socially. The dance given at the chapter house on December 4th was one of the most successful of the college year. We are now planning to give a dance at the Hotel Hermitage during the latter part of February. The alumni banquet given on Thanksgiving night was a complete success. About fifty brothers enjoyed a good spread and a feast of the good old Alpha Tau spirit, with John R. Aust acting as toastmaster.

We have been unfortunate in losing Robison and Nelson. Robison was forced to leave school on account of the death of his father.

The latch string is always on the outside at Beta Pi and we are mighty glad to have had the following visitors: Foster, Edwards, Long and Muse from Tennessee Pi; Lamond, Morris, Schneider and Fuqua from Tennessee Omega; Callis, "Cy" Young, Foster, Billington, Sims, Carman and Zimmerman, alumni of Beta Pi. Beard, who was one of the very first members at Tennessee Pi, was one of the most interesting of our visitors.

CLOPPER ALMON.

UNION.

The first-term examinations were concluded just before the holidays and the results show that the chapter is upholding its usual high scholarship. The average grade for the chapter is far above that of the school and in fact is the best of any fraternity or organization in the university.

R. C. Burks, '19; Percy A. Conyers, pledge; J. B. Tatum, '18, and H. W. Wagster, '19, received football "U's." Conyers is a regular on the varsity basketball team. Wagster has been elected captain of the football team for 1916. Hughes, Tatum, Conyers and Crockett are numbered on the annual staff.

We are making extensive preparations for our twenty-second annual banquet, which will take place on February 28th. We expect Province Chief John T. Gray to honor us with his presence. We are also expecting a large number of our alumni to return and add to the pleasure and enjoyment of the occasion.

The chapter is in a flourishing condition at present and by the time that the next report is due, I expect to have some interesting things to relate.

J. B. TATUM.

SEWANEE.

The year 1916 opened favorably for Tennessee Omega, and from all prospects it will be the most prosperous term the chapter has had for many years. While the brothers were away for the holidays, the furnace, which we have worked for for such a long time, was installed in the chapter house, so that now our enjoyment of the chapter is immensely more pleasant during the cold winter months. Our chapter clubhouse is now an ideal one for its use; it is indeed an Alpha Tau home in every particular.

In scholarship A. T. O. continues to hold the lead in the university. When the results of the Christmas finals were published three A. T. O.'s were among the honor men, and we ranked second in general average in the university.

In the student activities we continue to hold our own, being represented in nearly every department of the college. Since our last letter

Morris has been elected president of the Sigma Epsilon Society and Schneider president of Pi Omega. Ellerbe and Bamburg, by good team work and consistent shooting, won the cup offered by the pan-hellenic in the pool tournament. We also ran a close race in the bowling tournament.

J. T. SCHNEIDER.

TENNESSEE.

At this writing all of us are busily engaged in the final examinations of the first term. From present indications we find that our scholarship standing is among the very first. Our freshmen, too, are upholding our present standard and we hope to initiate them inside of two or three weeks.

We regret very much that Bob Williams, our old baseball star, will be unable to return. We lost, also, two pledges who did not return after the Christmas holidays. Nevertheless, we have added another pledge to our list, thus making seven the total number of our pledges in school.

In social activities we are taking a prominent part, having given two dances and two smokers during the present term. All of these proved most enjoyable affairs. Besides these, the date for a banquet to be given in honor of our active chapter and local alumni has been determined. The date set is just after the initiation of our freshmen. It has been some time since we have had a banquet, but in spite of this we are all planning for a jolly good time.

In spring athletics we are going to have representatives on all of the teams. "Scotty" Cameron will represent us on the track team and "Red" Williams on the baseball team. We have, also, two more men who will very likely represent us on the baseball squad. In tennis we still hope to maintain our record of last year and thus keep the school champion in our midst.

Thus far we have received visits from W. P. Bryant, Farmer Kelly, V. H. Klein, graduates of last year, and from several of our local alumni.

PAUL E. WALKER.

PROVINCE IX.

STANFORD.

Beta Psi begins the new semester with a most promising outlook for a most successful season. All of the men in the chapter last semester, with the exception of H. P. Drinkwater, who has gone to Columbia, have returned. Samuel Evans is with us again after spending a year and a half at Wisconsin. The new men coming in this semester are Harold Everett, of San Mateo, and J. Edwin Taylor, of Pasadena.

The chapter was actively engaged in college affairs this past season. In football Gunther Nagel and Edward M. Ford played on the second varsity. Clifton R. Swarts and Harold H. Sayre made their numerals on the freshman team. Harold Honens remained on the squad throughout the season.

The spring sports are also getting their share of attention. In crew C. R. Swarts is out for a seat in the varsity shell. William Charnley Atwater, Donald T. Robbins and J. Edwin Taylor are working for places in the freshman boat. In track we will be represented by the veterans, Harry G. Lachmund and Harlan H. Dykes. Several of the younger men will probably be seen on the track later in the season. Ed. M. Ford is out for varsity baseball.

Dana Burks, Jr., will take the lead in the Masquers' play. Burks made a name for himself when he took an important part in the sophomore play.

Ben C. Williams has become a member of the Civil Engineering Society. Oliver C. Field, of the Mechanical Engineering Society, and John H. Waldo was elected into membership of the Nestoria Literary Society. Waldo is also out for a place on the *Daily Palo Alto* staff.

JOHN H. WALDO.

CALIFORNIA.

Gamma Iota opened its home to incoming brothers a few days before the university registration. Five freshmen, namely, Kenneth Cormack, Benjamin McCourt, Edwin Cooke, Haldane Scovel and William Nash were on hand to attend freshmen responsibilities. Two more true Alpha Taus will be in our midst shortly, the two pledges being Allan Dennison and Edwin Mejia.

W. S. W. Kew returned to continue his work for Ph. D., spending the past semester on the United States Geological Survey. G. H. Wendt and C. Johnson are at the university farm this semester. Rexton Reed has decided to continue with his music and in order to do so has been compelled to seek the best of teachers in the East. Another freshman, Burr Holmes, has taken a position with the San Joaquin Light and Power Company in the southern part of the State.

We have been well represented in various inter-fraternity athletic contests. We could find no competitors for the bowling cup. In football we were only defeated by the champion team. The basketball series in which we are entered is in the first round and has not yet been decided.

J. B. Day as managing chairman of the sophomore dance committee successfully conducted the most prominent social affair of the sophomore year. W. S. Rainey, L. W. Goeppert, J. K. Ballantine and J. B. Day have been connected with the Players' Club of San Francisco. L. S. Nelson was elected to the office of sophomore yell leader, and S. W. Cosby

is continuing his work on the *Daily Californian*. W. S. Rainey is president of two honor societies, the English Club and Mask and Dagger.

During the past few weeks of college we have had one informal dance which was very successful. On January 29th we celebrate with our formal dance which we hope will be as successful in proportion to its significance.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in having had a visit from Norman Stines, manager of the Sissert Mining Company, of London, operating in the Ura Mountains in Russia. He is on his way back. The following alumni have also paid us short visits: G. H. Vosskuehler, Ohio Beta Omega; B. H. Lunde, Chicago Gamma Chi; K. S. Millegan, New York Alpha Omicron; D. Ash, Pennsylvania Tau; D. C. Hays, Pennsylvania Alpha Pi; M. H. Swalwell, Cornell Beta Theta; F. A. Berlin, Virginia Beta; W. T. Wilson, H. S. Jones, H. B. Knowles, W. L. Ware, and W. B. Sawyer, all of California Gamma Iota.

HERBERT D. LANGHORNE.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL.

On January 8, 1916, Alpha Sigma again became active at the Oregon Agricultural College. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Lewie Williams, Chief of Province IX, and Walter Kirk, Cleaves Simkins, Chester Huggins, Ray Couch and Charles Nelson, of the Oregon Gamma Phi chapter. There were eleven Alpha Tau Omega chapters represented.

W. Y. Masters, a charter member of the Alpha Sigma chapter established here in 1882, was present at our installation. He took a profound interest in seeing Alpha Tau Omega again active at the place where he and four others had first introduced the fraternity thirty-four years ago.

Twenty-four men were initiated on the above date; one a member of the college faculty, five alumni, seven seniors, four juniors and seven sophomores. Of the active members, W. A. Jensen is executive secretary of the college and faculty adviser for the house. Henry Odeen is an alumnus, who has a fellowship here in civil engineering.

Of the seniors, Arnold Funk is president of the senior class; member of Alpha Kappa Psi, an honorary commercial fraternity, and captain of a cadet company. Arthur Lundeen is president of the Forestry Club. Martin Van Couvering is president of the Glee Club and assistant in chemistry. Ralph West is captain of a cadet company.

Of the juniors, Howard Woodburn is editor of the stunt section in the *Orange*, an annual publication of the junior class, and chairman of the class social committee. Paul T. von Schooley is president of the California Club and has full charge of the dramatic department of the *O. A. C. Barometer*, a semi-weekly student publication. Dunbar Pinckney is vice president of the Glee Club. Norval Carnie is writer of the junior class play and first sergeant of a cadet company.

Of the sophomores, Henry Anderson and Franklyn Johnson were on

last year's varsity track squad and are sure of being on again this year. Harry Floydstead is advertising manager of the *Barometer* and is also out for track. George Halferty is taking an active part in the Mask and Dagger, a dramatic club, and is treasurer of the Washington Club. Martin Kurtz is treasurer of the sophomore class.

Alpha Sigma has secured fourteen pledges and they all seem to be good fraternity material. Edward Radcliff, freshman, is the best track prospect from the freshman class. Malcolm Wharton, '19, is going out for track and also possesses good dramatic ability. Earl Chapman is yell leader of the freshmen and is carrying it out well. Charles Russell played on the freshman football team, and is now trying for a permanent berth on the freshman basketball team. Julian Marshall, '19, is playing in the cadet band. Fred Hulbert, sophomore, is a member of the Glee Club. Floyd Metzger, junior, is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi and on the managerial staff of the junior annual.

On January 20th our fraternity and Kappa Sigma Nu, a local fraternity, exchanged dinners, by part of our men going down to their house and part of theirs coming up to ours. It was the first of its kind and was a fine success. We are expecting to have more in the future.

There is only one more week of school before final examinations are upon us. The boys are beginning to study more and we are expecting to hold our own with the other fraternities.

MARTIN KURTZ.

OREGON.

Almost on the eve of first semester examination week this letter leaves Oregon Gamma Phi in the midst of "preparing for the worst." A week from now and the tension will be over. At that time we expect to welcome back some of the fellows who were unable to return to college last fall. Kent Wilson, '18, and Harry Hargreaves, '18, say they will surely be back. Another whom we will be very glad to see is Este Brosius, ex-'13, who left here at the end of his sophomore year to travel in Europe and who was laid up in a hospital in Switzerland for a year. He has now entirely recovered his health and intends to complete his college work. He is one of the charter members of this chapter.

On the evening of November 13th we had a very pleasant formal dance at the chapter house and we have had a couple of informals at other times during the semester. One of them, an "open-house dance" on the Friday after Thanksgiving, was quite unique and was thoroughly enjoyed. We expect to give our anniversary dance February 25th. The plans are not yet completed, but we will make it a good one. Sunday dinners to girls from the various sororities we have found to be a very pleasant form of entertainment.

On home-coming day, November 20th, we had a number of our alumni back to see the Oregon *vs.* O. A. C. football game which we won by the

score of 9 to 0. There was, indeed, a houseful of guests that week-end, for, in addition to our alumni and other visitors, the greater part of the Ahneck Club of O. A. C. were with us for a while after the game.

The biggest event of this year has been the installation of the Ahneck Club as Oregon Alpha Sigma at Oregon Agricultural College. Oregon Gamma Phi as a whole went over to Corvallis for this occasion. The candidates were introduced to Bill the bumper on Friday evening, January 7th. A number of the members of the Portland Alumni Association and other alumni seemed to renew their youth and enter into the spirit. At the formal initiation the following afternoon the officers of this chapter took charge of the ritual, at the suggestion of Province Chief Lewie Williams. In the evening the new chapter entertained with a very enjoyable dance at the women's gymnasium, after which a banquet was served at the chapter house. We haven't words to express how much we enjoyed the hospitality and fraternal good-fellowship of the chapter at O. A. C.

On December 12th we initiated Leo Potter and Ernest Nail, a junior and a sophomore, respectively. The freshmen will be initiated soon after the beginning of the second semester.

At the end of this semester we lose one of the most loyal and active members of the chapter, Chester Huggins. He was a letter man in track four years and one of the best known and best liked men in college. After his graduation he expects to begin teaching in the Milwaukee High School immediately.

DONALD G. ONTHANK.

WASHINGTON (STATE).

The close of the first semester finds Gamma Chi saddened by the loss of Nelson M. Barnes, who passed away January 27th after a short illness from pneumonia. It is hard to realize the loss of "Pug," who was one of the leading spirits of the fraternity and college rooster king. Memorial services were held for him in the college chapel and a procession of "W" men and members of the 1917 class joined with us in paying a last tribute to one whom the whole school loved as a brother.

We had two members on the W. S. C. football team that defeated Brown on New Year's day in Pasadena, Cal. Doane played at fullback and Applequist at guard.

Tweed, who represented Gamma Chi at the conclave of Province IX, won the world's sweepstakes for the best five boxes of apples at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

As a chapter we closed the year officially by a little banquet in Spokane on the night of December 17th. It was held in conjunction with the alumni association of Spokane. Besides alumni from other schools, we had with us Fred B. Olds, Guy Rake, Joe Shields and Bob Fortier, of Washington Gamma Chi. Mark Brislawn gave a talk on the necessity of a closer relationship between the alumni and the active chapter.

Freshmen who are to be initiated in the near future are: James Shaw, who came to us from the Ahneck Club at O. A. C.; Russell Cunningham, Ernest L. Spencer, Gordon Cook, Julius Hollman and Howard Olin.

We are represented on the basketball floor again this semester with Roy Bohle as guard, Jack Glover at center and William King and Glen Glover as substitutes. Harold Simonds and Kenneth Ramaley had parts in the last college play, Simonds taking the lead as Helmer in Ibsen's "A Doll's House."

O. T. McWhorter, F. W. Rader and C. F. Monroe, all of Washington Gamma Chi, were with us during the meeting of the County Agriculturalists. Boyd Schlaefer, Floyd Smith and Virgil McCroskey attended the funeral services held in the chapter house for N. M. Barnes.

DELL MCCORMICK.

WASHINGTON (UNIVERSITY).

The first 1915-16 semester has been good to Gamma Pi. An excellent spirit on and off the campus among the men, freshmen included, characterizes the whole chapter. We are also prospering financially.

We had an able representative on the football team this year in Clarence Morrison, a husky tackle. Morrison is also out for wrestling.

When Washington met Colorado on the gridiron we were pleased to meet with an able delegation of four brothers on their team.

Price, Ebright and Horton have been active in wrestling and boxing for the past month. Horton, by the way, is leaving school this semester to take a position with a lumbering firm.

He has put in seven active semesters at Washington, having been chairman of the only successful varsity ball and he was also chairman of the junior prom. He was interested in boxing and was president of the boxing club ever since he organized it. He has been a tower of strength around the house and we regret seeing him enter business, but we wish him all the luck in the world. At the same time of wishing, however, it occurs to us that he does not need luck.

Bryant MacDougall has for the past two months guided the destinies of the University of Washington *Daily* in the absence of the editor. He is this year's representative on the junior prom committee.

When the crew call comes Ebright will be on the job as cox. "Ebe" is a senior this year and is one of the old-timers around the crew house.

That reminds us that Wade Stewart, one of our best bets for this year's crew, is leaving school in preparation to entering the business world.

Then there are two freshmen also out on the water, Mac Nisbit, who is after one of the pulling positions, and Mark Haas, who would succeed "Eve" in guiding the boat.

Our initiation banquet will be held on February 5th. It is given

annually by the alumni. We have initiated seven freshmen, Charles Mulvey, Walter Fuenfsinn, Mark Haas, Mac Nisbit, Lyle Johnson, Clarence George and Gibson Spelger. Albert Stubb, Charles Mulvey and Wilson Schiffer are returning for the second semester.

BRYANT MACDOUGALL.

PROVINCE X.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC.

Our chapter returned thirteen men this year, but through successful rushing we have increased our membership to nineteen. Our new men are Henderson, Taylor, Wright, Carroll, Leatherberry and Phillips.

Alpha Epsilon has taken its usual lead in all college activities this year. We are making an unusually good showing in athletics, being represented on the football team by Caughman, quarterback; Prendergast, halfback, Rickenbacker, fullback, and Samford, end. Louisell is second assistant coach this year. Prendergast has also been elected manager of the baseball team.

In the class elections of officers Samford was elected vice president of the junior class and Davis was similarly honored by being elected to the presidency of the sophomore class.

We are represented in the musical organizations by Kelley, who is a member of the band and Glee Club. Caughman and Walthour are members of the Y. M. C. A. board. Caughman, who is vice president of this board, represented the Y. M. C. A. at the Blue Ridge conference last July. Caughman and Walthour are also members of the *Orange and Blue* board. Leo Donovan was elected to the Thendara Club. All of the chapter participated in the social festivities of the opening dances, which were held in the month of October, Alpha Epsilon entertaining at the opening dance. We were glad to have one of our alumni, Ted Arnold, with us on this occasion.

R. E. Brummage, of Birmingham, made us a visit a few days ago. J. S. N. Davis, Sr., '88, one of the charter members of this chapter, also made us an interesting visit.

Grades made by this chapter during the first midterm examinations were very favorable.

J. S. N. DAVIS, JR.

SOUTHERN.

Midterm examinations have just come to an end at Beta Beta. There were very few failures, while several Alpha Taus made exceptional grades.

Turnipseed was elected captain of varsity basketball, and is filling his position with credit to himself and Beta Beta.

Keener Frazier was initiated into our brotherhood, January 20, 1916. He is a strong addition to our chapter.

Our prospects for baseball are very bright. There will be probably five Alpha Taus on the varsity and others as substitutes.

CHAS. H. OWENS, JR.

ALABAMA.

With midyear examinations over and the midyear dances only about ten days off, everybody at the university is in high spirits. We all feel good over the outcome of the examinations, and feel that we will uphold the high standard of A. T. O. in this line, as it has been upheld in the various other lines of activities.

We were glad to welcome W. W. Moseley and S. J. Steiner back in school at the beginning of the second term. The former has been out all the year, while Steiner left school early in the fall. Beta Delta has also welcomed C. B. Galloway to its midst as an affiliate from Alabama Beta Beta.

In the athletic world, Beta Delta has more than held her own. We had six men to make their letters in football the past season, Harsh, W. L. (captain), Harsh, G. R., Hagan, Whittelsey, Stephenson and Burks. Basketball is holding sway now and we have two regulars on the team. G. R. Harsh, captain and coach, is playing center, while Hagan is holding down one of the guards. Wilson, one of the second string men, is a bright prospect for next year's regulars. With the opening of the new athletic field and the new gymnasium, the future of athletics at the university is indeed bright. The opening of the new gymnasium was the occasion of a big dance, at which all the football men were presented with gold footballs.

We regretted very much to lose W. L. Harsh at the close of the football season. He is now in Birmingham practicing law, having received his degree in this department last year.

GERALD G. WOODRUFF.

TULANE.

Since the writing of the last PALM letter, Beta Epsilon has been very active and is glad to report two memorable accomplishments, a chapter house and the formation of a new pan-hellenic. For many years Beta Epsilon has seen the need of a chapter house and the advantages to be derived from it, so with true Alpha Tau spirit we declared that another year would not pass without an A. T. O. house and on the 1st of December we moved into our new quarters. Our alumni members, Watts Leverich and Allen Mehle, deserve much credit for looking after the particulars and details leading up to the actual purchase. The house is ideally located at 1330 Pine Street, a paved thoroughfare, and within easy

walking distance of college. This makes the sixth fraternity house at Tulane out of a total of thirteen fraternities. We have already given several enjoyable entertainments in the house since the 1st of December. On the 14th we had quite a few of the old guard up to a housewarming and smoker, and on the 19th we gave a tea and informal dance for the girls. Not to be outdone by this, the girls in turn gave us a shower the following week and we were the recipients of many useful gifts.

We are also glad of the fact that an inter-fraternity council has been formed at Tulane. It is needless to point out the benefits to be derived from such a union, and after many unsuccessful attempts to formulate such a union, both last year and the early part of this year, the following five fraternities decided to band themselves together: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and Alpha Tau Omega. The other seven fraternities were extended an invitation to join, but refused to consider it. According to the ruling of this council, no man can be pledged until he has officially matriculated in the university. This will do away with the objectionable high school pledging.

Stouse is on the basketball squad and has also started light training for track work. He holds the Tulane record for the half mile, and from present indications should better his mark this year.

Cook is secretary of the Spanish Circle and secretary of Business Administration and Wakhe was recently named manager of the sophomore basketball team. Bowers and McCutcheon are members of the International Polity Club, membership to which at Tulane is limited to forty. McCutcheon was also elected assistant managing editor of the *Tulane Weekly*.

We recently enjoyed visits from Harsch and Hagan, of Alabama Beta Delta, who were here with the Alabama basketball team. We wish to extend a cordial invitation to all our brothers who happen to pass through our city.

E. DAVIS MCCUTCHON.

TEXAS.

With the active roll the largest in many years, scholarship the highest, and with ten promising pledges, Gamma Eta is now rounding out one of the most successful years in the history of the chapter.

Five eligible pledges, Curtis Hill, Curtis Deware, James White, Lyttleton Womack and Julian Harrison, were initiated with impressive ceremonies the early part of February, increasing the active chapter roll to eighteen.

A report from the faculty committee on scholarship shows that Gamma Eta ranks well up in the list of Greek fraternity averages, and considerably above the average for the school. Every man is taking upon himself the responsibility of seeing that a high scholarship is maintained.

W. M. White, of this chapter, who attended Virginia University last

year, has entered the law department and is again welcomed on the active roll. C. B. Popenoe, also an initiate of this chapter, who moved to Dayton, Ohio, after leaving Texas University, paid the chapter a visit in January. Harris Masterson, of Houston, who co-operated with the local Y. M. C. A. in the Raymond Robins campaign in January, spent an evening at the chapter house and gave an interesting account of his missionary work in China. James Nixon, of Galveston, and Tom Hart, of Marshall, were also visitors.

College activities are receiving their proper attention from Alpha Tau. Rodgers was initiated into the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. Erhard was chosen president of the Cofer Law Society for the winter term and Rodgers secretary-treasurer. Dunham was elected a member of the Press Club and was initiated into the Sigma Delta Chi journalistic fraternity.

White was president of the sophomore class in the fall term. Pledge Roberts is showing up to be an aggressive basketball player and will make a fight for a place on the team next year. Roberts was also named chairman of one of the freshman reception committees. Pledge Jacks is one of four freshmen taken into the Speakers' Debating Society.

Social activities, which are a big factor in the college life of Texas University, have been freely participated in by Alpha Tau Omega. A dance was given at the chapter house in October. However, the most important and elaborate chapter affair of the year will be a morning German given on February 22d. This dance, which is granted large social prominence on the campus, is planned to be even more successful this year.

Fraternity baseball will soon be absorbing a good deal of the attention of students. For this Gamma Eta has a large amount of good material this year and expects to make the race for the cup a hot one.

H. W. DUNHAM.

In Memoriam

HAYWOOD CHRISTOPHER.

(Florida Alpha Omega.)

Died 1914.

Requiescat in pace.

WILLIAM G. BRADSHAW.

(North Carolina Xi.)

Born 1856; Died January 15, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

CARROLL WINSTON QUARRIER.

(Pennsylvania Alpha Rho.)

Born March 3, 1876; Died December 19, 1915.

Requiescat in pace.

WILLIAM LEGRAND BRYAN.

(Georgia Alpha Theta.)

Born March 8, 1882; Initiated September 17, 1903.

Died January 29, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

(Virginia Alpha.)

Died February 4, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

DANIEL M. O'DRISCOLL.

(South Carolina Beta Xi.)

Died October 12, 1915.

Requiescat in pace.

FREDERICK A. DEROSSET.

(Tennessee Omega.)

Died October 13, 1915.

Requiescat in pace.

ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS.

(Vermont Beta Zeta.)

Born 1880; Initiated 1901.

Died February 21, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

W. G. BRADSHAW.

Dr. W. G. Bradshaw, postmaster at High Point, North Carolina, and one of that city's most prominent citizens, died at his home there, January 15, 1916. Doctor Bradshaw was sixty years old, and was appointed postmaster by President Wilson two years ago.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

Alexander Hamilton, vice president and general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, died at his home in Petersburg, Virginia, February 4, 1916, following an illness of several months. He was president of the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company for many years, and was one of Virginia's leading citizens. He was a former chairman of the board of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute.

WILLIAM L. BRYAN.

William L. Bryan, professor of Mathematics in the Boys' High School, Macon, Georgia, died January 29, 1916, at a private sanitarium from pneumonia. He had been suffering with grip for about two weeks, when pneumonia set in. The body was taken to Wrightsville, his old home, for the funeral and interment.

Mr. Bryan was thirty-three years of age. He had degrees from Emory College and the University of Georgia and was a member of the A. T. O. Fraternity. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. R. B. Bryan, of Wrightsville, and five brothers and two sisters.

ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS.

Principal Arthur L. Williams of the Saugus (Massachusetts) High School died Monday, February 21, 1916, of pneumonia. When he died the student body was in prayer for his recovery at the high school.

Mr. Williams was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, in 1880, and entered the university from that place. While in college Mr. Williams was a member of the Histrionics and an editor of the *Ariel*. After graduation in the class of 1904 he taught in Lyndonville, and in the high schools of Plymouth and Shirley, Massachusetts. His first principalship was at Dalton. In 1914 he became principal of the Saugus High School. He was a Mason and a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

The Directory

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PROVINCE I—FLORIDA AND GEORGIA.

- E. A. Werner**, *Province Chief*, W. Hunter and Mangum Sts., Atlanta, Ga.
Fla. Alpha Omega (1884), University of Florida, A. T. O. House, Gainesville, Fla. Tuesday. C. E. Holtsinger, PALM Correspondent. S. L. Holland, W. M.
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Ga. Alpha Theta (1881), Emory College, Oxford, Ga. E. A. Burkhalter, PALM Correspondent. B. D. Banks, W. M.
Ga. Alpha Zeta (1880), Mercer University, A. T. O. House, 58 Arlington Place, Macon, Ga. Monday. W. S. Florence, PALM Correspondent. Ross Grant, W. M.
Ga. Beta Iota (1888), Georgia School of Technology, A. T. O. House, 43 West North Street, Atlanta, Ga. Saturday. D. S. Golding, PALM Correspondent. R. T. Cole, W. M.

PROVINCE II—ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN.

F. R. Bott, *Province Chief*, 610 Federal Street, Chicago, Ill.

- Ill.** Gamma Zeta (1895), University of Illinois, A. T. O. House, 405 East John Street, Champaign, Ill. Sunday. McDonald Lovell, PALM Correspondent. H. A. Pogue, W. M.
Ill. Gamma Xi (1904), University of Chicago, A. T. O. House, 923 East 60th Street, Chicago, Ill. Monday. Dorman Bennitt, PALM Correspondent. L. W. Hilton, W. M.
Ind. Delta Alpha (1915), University of Indiana, A. T. O. House, Bloomington, Ind. —————. Wallace Martin, PALM Correspondent. C. J. Kirschman, W. M.
Ind. Gamma Gamma (1893), Rose Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O. House, 1035 North Eighth Street, Terre Haute, Ind. Monday. R. A. Weinhardt, PALM Correspondent. R. A. Weinhardt, W. M.
Ind. Gamma Omicron (1904), Purdue University, A. T. O. House, 201 Russel Street, Lafayette, Ind. Monday. M. D. Taylor, PALM Correspondent. J. R. Finn, W. M.
Mich. Alpha Mu (1881), Adrian College, Adrian, Mich. Saturday. Charles Wood, PALM Correspondent. L. V. Jenkins, W. M.
Mich. Beta Kappa (1888), Hillsdale College, A. T. O. House, 93 Fayette Street, Hillsdale, Mich. Tuesday. C. P. Barber, PALM Correspondent. Roy Chase, W. M.
Mich. Beta Lambda (1888), University of Michigan, A. T. O. House, 1023 Oakland Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich. Thursday. C. Pickett, PALM Correspondent. H. C. Lange, W. M.
Mich. Beta Omicron (1889), Albion College, A. T. O. House, 512 East Michigan Street, Albion, Mich. Saturday. L. A. Haines, PALM Correspondent. Edward Edwards, W. M.
Wis. Gamma Tau (1907), University of Wisconsin, A. T. O. House, 225 Lake Lawn Place, Madison, Wis. Monday. R. B. Lewis, PALM Correspondent. A. W. Prussing, W. M.

PROVINCE III—COLORADO, IOWA, KANSAS, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA AND WYOMING.

George B. Drake, *Province Chief*, 305 Century Bldg., Denver, Colo.

- Colo.** Gamma Lambda (1901), University of Colorado, A. T. O. House, 1229 University Avenue, Boulder, Colo. Monday. C. C. Wilde, PALM Correspondent. W. F. Ivers, W. M.

Iowa Beta Alpha (1885), Simpson College, A. T. O. House, 402 N. Second Street, Indianola, Iowa. Thursday. H. O. Smith, **PALM** Correspondent. H. F. Pote, W. M.

Iowa Delta Beta (1915), University of Iowa, A. T. O. House, 114 E. Fairchild Street, Iowa City, Ia. ————. D. D. Reynolds, **PALM** Correspondent. L. C. Wilson, W. M.

Iowa Gamma Upsilon (1908), Iowa State College, A. T. O. House, 2122 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa. Monday. F. B. Flick, **PALM** Correspondent. W. S. Marriott, W. M.

Kansas Gamma Mu (1901), University of Kansas, A. T. O. House, 1633 Vermont Avenue, Lawrence, Kan. Monday. Paul Rathfon, **PALM** Correspondent. Willard King, W. M.

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Mo. Gamma Rho (1906), University of Missouri, A. T. O. House, 608 Rollins St., Columbia, Mo. Monday. J. H. Harkless, **PALM** Correspondent. W. M. Raines, W. M.

Neb. Gamma Theta (1897), University of Nebraska, A. T. O. House, 2603 O Street, Lincoln, Neb. Monday. J. W. Wenstrand, **PALM** Correspondent. Martin B. Chittick, W. M.

Wyo. Gamma Psi (1913), University of Wyoming, A. T. O. House, 200 South Tenth Street, Laramie, Wyo. Monday. B. H. Appleby, **PALM** Correspondent. W. B. Cobb, W. M.

PROVINCE IV—MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND VERMONT.

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Maine Beta Upsilon (1891), University of Maine, A. T. O. House, North Main Street, Orono, Maine. Monday. J. L. Chute, **PALM** Correspondent. Fred H. Curtis, W. M.

Maine Gamma Alpha (1892), Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Wednesday. Fred A. Pottle, **PALM** Correspondent. H. E. Hall, W. M.

Mass. Beta Gamma (1885), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, A. T. O. House, 30 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Monday. W. C. Patterson, **PALM** Correspondent. T. D. Leiby, Jr., W. M.

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Mass. Gamma Sigma (1906), Worcester Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O. House, 24 Institute Road, Worcester, Mass. Thursday. C. S. Darling, **PALM** Correspondent. G. M. Pomeroy, W. M.

R. I. Gamma Delta (1894), Brown University, A. T. O. House, 119 Waterman Street, Providence, R. I. Monday. H. T. Samson, **PALM** Correspondent. R. T. Staples, W. M.

Vt. Beta Zeta (1887), University of Vermont, A. T. O. House, Willard and College Streets, Burlington, Vt. Saturday. R. C. Brown, **PALM** Correspondent. G. L. Bean, W. M.

PROVINCE V—NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA.

Victor Frey, *Province Chief*, 1320 Land Title Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

N. Y. Alpha Omicron (1882), St. Lawrence University, A. T. O. House, Canton, N. Y. Monday. H. S. Sutton, **PALM** Correspondent. A. B. Oatman, W. M.

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- N. Y. Beta Theta (1887), Cornell University, A. T. O. House, 625 University Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y. Saturday (every two weeks). Herbert C. Drescher, PALM Correspondent. Wm. F. Staunton, Jr., W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Iota (1881), Muhlenberg College, A. T. O. House, 42 South Fourteenth St., Allentown, Pa. Tuesday. R. P. G. Leemhuis, PALM Correspondent. W. S. Ritter, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Pi (1882), Washington and Jefferson College, A. T. O. House, 383 East Beau Street, Washington, Pa. Thursday. D. I. McAlister, PALM Correspondent. B. L. Connelly, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Rho (1882), Lehigh University, A. T. O. House, 338 Wyandotte Street, South Bethlehem, Pa. Friday. D. C. Ainey, PALM Correspondent. J. M. Wells, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Upsilon (1882), Pennsylvania College, A. T. O. House, North Washington Street, Gettysburg, Pa. Saturday. S. E. Duff, PALM Correspondent. J. C. Cassidy, W. M.
- Penn. Gamma Omega (1914), Pennsylvania State College, A. T. O. House, State College, Pa. ————— M. J. Wilson, PALM Correspondent. W. H. Colegrove, W. M.
- Penn. Tau (1881), University of Pennsylvania, A. T. O. House, 3614 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Tuesday. G. W. Walton, PALM Correspondent. A. H. Williams, W. M.

PROVINCE VI—NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA.

Rev. Beverley D. Tucker, Jr., *Province Chief*, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

- N. C. Alpha Delta (1879), University of North Carolina, A. T. O. House, Chapel Hill, N. C. Thursday. McD. Lewis, PALM Correspondent. Hugh Smith, W. M.
- N. C. Xi (1872), Trinity College, Durham, N. C. Monday. J. W. Smoot, PALM Correspondent. J. W. Wallace, W. M.
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- Va. Beta (1865), Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. Tuesday. R. A. Lewis, PALM Correspondent. B. F. Woodruff, W. M.
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PROVINCE VII—OHIO.

- J. Paul Thompson, *Province Chief*, 1208 Engineers Bldg., Cleveland, O.
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- Ohio Alpha Psi (1883), Wittenberg College, A. T. O. House, 602 North Wittenberg Avenue, Springfield, Ohio. Monday. H. E. Dunmire, PALM Correspondent. Frank Burns, W. M.
- Ohio Beta Eta (1887), Ohio Wesleyan University, A. T. O. House, North Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio. Monday. J. M. Battenfield, PALM Correspondent. B. H. Vogler, W. M.
- Ohio Beta Omega (1892), Ohio State University, A. T. O. House, 175 West 10th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Saturday. William Wabnitz, PALM Correspondent. Paul Edwards, W. M.
- Ohio Gamma Kappa (1900), Western Reserve University, A. T. O. House, 11431 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, O. Monday. N. J. McConnoughey, PALM Correspondent. K. L. Griffith, W. M.

PROVINCE VIII—TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY.

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- Tenn. Beta Pi (1889), Vanderbilt University, A. T. O. House, 1917 Hayes Street, Nashville, Tenn. Saturday. L. M. Richey, PALM Cor-respondent. R. E. Wilson, W. M.
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- Cal. Gamma Iota (1900), University of California, A. T. O. House, 2425 Le Conte Avenue, Berkeley, Cal. Monday. H. D. Langhorne, PALM Correspondent. T. D. Kirwan, W. M.
- Oregon Alpha Sigma (1915), Oregon Agricultural College, A. T. O. House, Corvallis, Oregon. _____ M. O. Kurtz, PALM Correspondent. R. L. West, W. M.
- Oregon Gamma Phi (1910), University of Oregon, A. T. O. House, 11th and Oak Streets, Eugene, Ore. Monday. Harry Hargreaves, PALM Correspondent. W. J. Kirk, W. M.
- Wash. Gamma Chi (1911), Washington State College, A. T. O. House, 606 Linden Avenue, Pullman, Wash. D. J. McCormick, PALM Corre-spondent. H. A. Applequist, W. M.
- Wash. Gamma Pi (1906), University of Washington, A. T. O. House, 1605 East 47th Street, Seattle, Wash. Monday. Bryant Mac-Dougall, PALM Correspondent. J. B. McDougall, W. M.

PROVINCE X—ALABAMA, LOUISIANA AND TEXAS.

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- Ala. Alpha Epsilon (1879), Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala. Friday. J. S. N. Davis, Jr., PALM Correspondent. R. F. Walthour, Jr., W. M.
- Ala. Beta Beta (1885), Southern University, Greensboro, Ala. Tuesday. Milton Donelly, PALM Correspondent. E. H. McGehee, W. M.
- Ala. Beta Delta (1885), University of Alabama, A. T. O. House, 1605 Tenth St., Tuscaloosa, Ala. Saturday. D. H. Thornbury, PALM Cor-respondent. G. C. Outlaw, W. M.
- La. Beta Epsilon (1887), Tulane University, A. T. O. House, New Orleans, La. Saturday, 2d and 4th. E. D. McCutcheon, PALM Correspondent. George Billups, W. M.
- Tex. Gamma Eta (1897), University of Texas, A. T. O. House, 2315 Nueces Street, Austin, Texas. Wednesday, 1st and 3d. Howard Dunham, PALM Correspondent. J. A. Erhard, Jr., W. M.

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[EDITOR'S NOTE.—Fifty years ago—July 4, 1866—Founder Alfred Marshall delivered the address here published, for the first time, to the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute. It is published now for two reasons. First, it is an address delivered on the occasion of the speaker's graduation from an institution of learning and contains therefore many thoughts of value and of inspiration to the many Alpha Taus who, in this season of the year, are leaving various colleges and universities. The reader will note that although the address was delivered a half century ago, it is quite as timely, and certainly as instructive, as though written and spoken in this year. Second, it affords the Fraternity a new view of the one Founder of whom less is known than of any of the early members of the Fraternity. Marshall died in 1870 and therefore had little opportunity to become as well known as are Glazebrook and Ross. In some respects he has been almost an unknown person to his Fraternity. Recently, however, a vast deal of very valuable information has been gathered by the Fraternity's Historian, among which was the original manuscript of Marshall's address. This address will reveal to the Fraternity Captain Alfred Marshall in his true light and it fully vindicates the traditions that have descended to us concerning him. Marshall was the son of a British subject, who was for many years the English consul in Richmond. He and Glazebrook and Ross were companions and playmates in Richmond before they entered the Virginia Military Institute. He was in the Confederate Army and was slightly wounded at New Market. He was graduated third in the class of 1866, being outranked by Glazebrook and James. For three years after graduation he was a professor at the Institute and thus was the guide and leader of the old Alpha and Beta chapters after Founder Glazebrook left the institute. He was the first Worthy Master of the Alpha chapter and presided at the ceremonies whereby the Beta chapter was installed. The Fraternity is under everlasting obligations to his brother, William Marshall, who still resides in Richmond, for presenting this original manuscript to the Fraternity and for the material assistance he has generously rendered to the Historian.]

Mr. President, Members of the Society of Cadets, Ladies and Gentlemen: The associations which cluster around the close of an academic year are fraught with much that is pleasing and brilliant to all of us. It is a period whose return is marked by festivities and ceremonies peculiar to itself, a period rich in amusements, and abounding in sources of enjoyment. At this time music and beauty in all the consciousness of undisputed power hold their splendid court and demand our willing homage, those sounds of revelry which have long ago died away, those echoes from the corridors of the past, will in memory be waked to life and join their tones faint and mellowed by the distance, to those which are soon to breathe mirth and joy upon the soft night air. With you, gentlemen of the society, this period is an era, this close of the academic year is an event, marking one of the four stages which must precede graduation. It is a season whose return brings with it a removal of the usual responsibilities of cadet life, and a return to that spot hallowed by the association of early life, by all the tender reminiscences of childhood and the bolder and more vivid recollections of boyhood, that home to which the heart ever turns in lingering fondness in spite of the weaning influences of time and circumstance. I do not propose, however, to unveil that *chef d'oeuvre* of art whose perspective carries the eye far away over blooming meadows lighted with mellow sunlight, until it fairly gropes in the dim distance for some resting place; that distance in which the great artist memory has failed to sketch even landmarks, and which shrouds forever the time when we were not. It is not my purpose to attempt with unskillful hand, that picture so replete with all that charms the heart, and which the imagination so much more clearly delineates than language, but to offer in its stead what may be deemed practically speaking more useful.

This period of the year seems to afford great advantages for the consideration of general principles, whether those of a science with whose details we have become somewhat familiar by past applications, or those which should direct our course and regulate our conduct during life. The mind, freed from a harassing and cumbersome load of *minutiae*, is enabled to separate from the crude mass of information obtained during the year gone by those

salient facts which point to the laws governing the whole of a science and its applications, or gather strength and confidence for coming efforts from the exercise and experience from the past. The principle I shall present for your consideration tonight, gentlemen of the society, is not limited in its application; it is useful not only in the pursuit of our science, but of all sciences, applicable not only under certain circumstances, in other words, no matter how varying the conditions of climate, character of pursuit and of individual, yet is its proper application inevitably followed by remuneration, and in some cases by the most splendid results. It is a principle so essential for success in life, that should I succeed in impressing only a single one of you with the paramount importance of its proper application, for the accomplishment of great ends, I shall not regret having undertaken that for which I feel I am so unfitted.

The identity of the matter found in the inorganic and animal worlds; the convertibility of the forces under the control of animals unto those of inorganic nature; the identity of the forces of cohesion and chemical affinity in the two worlds, and the intimate connection between the complex operations of the nervous system and electrical phenomena, are facts which forbid a forgetfulness of the origin of the physical man. They remind us that the human body is literally made of the dust of the earth, that the laws of cohesion which determine and preserve its condition, that the laws of chemical affinity which operate during its growth and decay and which finally destroy its pristine form, that the forces which animate it and which it controls are one and the same with those of inert matter. In truth, so intimate is our connection with what we see around that like many facts with which we have long been familiar, it is very difficult to thoroughly and definitely realize that the man who first called earth Mother spoke most significantly. To enter the world of mind, to treat of man as endowed with powers of thought and its expression, is to pass a wide gulf. Yet, great as the distance appears at first, still on closer examination we find his physical and mental powers so nearly related at their limits, and so mutually dependent the one upon the other throughout their whole compass, that to fix the boundaries within which they respectively operate seems utterly impossible.

Mens sana in corpus sano is but the exponent of the opinion of mankind on their mutual dependence. Violate a law of your physical nature, indulge in an excess of tobacco, or of supper, those of you who are students, know well the restlessness, the temporary loss of the power of concentration of thought which it produces. Commit continued excesses and their injurious effects will be felt not only physically, but reason herself will totter on her throne. The converse is also true; the mind harassed with cares and anxieties or in a state of continual tension by reason of constant thought, soon reacts and if overtaxed for too long a period will cause the body to languish and lose gradually its former vigor until finally it cannot perform even the function necessary to life.

The causes which produce the development of the body, and which bring the animal man to his highest state of efficiency as a machine, are identical with those that produce corresponding results in the mental faculties. If continued exercise makes sturdy the arm of the blacksmith, it is no less the cause of that perfection of the reasoning faculties seen in the philosopher, or that full development of the imaginative powers, manifested in the poet and artist. Such being the identity of the laws which determine the condition of men and living matter, such being the connection between the causes and effects in mental and physical constitution of man, it does not surprise us to find a general principle common to the mental and physical worlds. Persistent effort is a cause whose effects are no less stupendous in the one than in the other, and its power, when properly applied to accomplish great ends, is the great principle to which I would direct your attention this evening.

The evidences of the tremendous power of persistent effort in the physical world are properly familiar to you all. The past history of organic and inorganic nature, a history embracing periods of time in comparison with which all human record seems but a tale of yesterday, a history the magnitude of whose events is beyond human conception; a history so replete with shifting scenes and complex phenomena that our substantial globe seems but a grand play-house for nature, and what we deemed fixed and immutable as fleeting and changeable as the lights and shades on yonder mountains. This history, whose pages the hand of science is still

turning, bears stamped in every line the story of its power; even now the thundering voice of Niagara and the ceaseless roar of the waves that beat upon our coasts chant the triumphs of this mighty principle. In fine, could we describe the erosive action of water from the falling of a raindrop to the effects of oceanic forces all would proclaim the power and effect of persistent effort.

The geologist, if you asked him for the result of persistent effort, would point to thirteen miles of stratified rocks covering the face of our planet. He would tell you that those rocks now so firm and compact were once mud, *debris* resulting from the disintegrating and erosive power of water acting through myriads of years. He would tell you that the hardest rocks will finally succumb and reduce to powder under the continuous falling of water, drop by drop. In fine, that the time being infinite a small force acting continuously will produce results of a most stupendous magnitude.

Man has not been slow to take advantage of so great a principle, the very universality of which identifies it as emanating from the source of infinite power and wisdom. He would indeed be wanting in that much boasted attribute which distinguishes him from the brute creation, did he not see in nature a teacher whose comprehensive knowledge can more than satisfy the demands of the most assiduous study. Convinced of the irresistible power of persistent effort he has applied it in the material world with the most magnificent results, and in the world of mind has achieved triumphs that will forever stand as glorious monuments to human intellect. The experience of men whose mental effort has been properly directed is that as in the physical man the muscles develop by exercise, that in the material world a small force continuously produces great results, as do the faculties of the mind increase in power by practice and are the greatest difficulties overcome by constant application. Perhaps there is no one of you who, in recalling his first year as a cadet, does not remember some one of the many difficulties which seemed to rise to bar your progress, now a mere shadow—a phantom of its former self—which, when viewed in the clearer and more dazzling light which developed faculties throw upon it, fades and disappears. Thus has been your progress and that of all men step by step, slowly and surely mounting the intellectual ladder, exerting energy propor-

tionate to the height attained; some faster than others; some by spasmodic effort; some by continuous effort, halting at each advance to look back on what they have done; others so absorbed that when they first apprehend clearly their situation are surprised to find the horizon so much extended, they begin to realize that the mind, although developed in certain directions well known to themselves, has also increased its power of apprehension in all directions, that the power of thought, once trained and cultivated, can be used for the acquirement of what is entirely foreign to that which first called forth its latent energy, and that finally a point may be reached in the intellectual scale where independent thought becomes more attractive and much less wearisome than the study of what others have thought.

Such is education, such is the effect of persistent effort considered in relation to the mind itself, whose increase of power brings with it a growing desire for further development, indicating that its capacity for improvement is infinite and that an eternal existence is essential to the full development of all the elements of the soul. The minds of most men take some special direction when young. This direction is due either to natural taste or is determined by circumstances, and the effort necessary to follow that career of thought becomes less in proportion as we pursue it. Hence the necessity for persistent effort to direct the mind into new and multiform channels, without which our views would soon become narrowed, and ultimately our mental condition like that of the man whom Boyle describes, devoting his whole life to the study of one mineral, and who acknowledged that he had not discovered the one hundredth part of its properties. That love of beauty and harmony, that taste so to speak which characterizes genius, is the result of the desire for universal knowledge, supported by persistent effort. In early life this knowledge, deemed by some superficial, afterward used to enlarge and illustrate that career of thought which becomes later in life the man object, and which after death remains the admiration of posterity. This ambition for the universal is not uncommon among the young, but the mind being prone to follow that bent which nature has fixed or fortune determined, you will observe that here especially persistent effort is an element essential to its success, and that

without it the mind either becomes utterly inactive and ultimately incapable of effort or operating in too narrow a sphere gives to petty and insignificant details an importance and grandeur which they do not merit. It was this desire for universal knowledge that made Bacon, Milton, Goethe, the most renowned men of their times. Shakespeare himself, "that most profound smatterer," as he has been aptly termed, appears to have held that the mind in its utmost perfection must be conversant with every species of human knowledge.

Since the larger the number of observations and the wider the range of comparisons, the more accurate are our generalizations the more certain of conclusions. This general knowledge of what man has done, of what men have written, and to a certain extent of how men now act, must be gained in early life, and it is this information, though to a limited extent, that every college curriculum proposes to furnish. It is for you then, to see now, while there is yet time, that proper use is made of your advantages; for after you enter upon your professional course you will have neither the time nor the inclination to study that which does not bear directly upon it, while you find a constant demand for what you already know and for a great deal of which you are ignorant. That a man should be able to write on all subjects is simply preposterous, but that he should be familiar with many, and bring them to bear upon his specialty, is not only possible, but essential to the highest success.

Hitherto the effects and power of persistent effort have been considered rather in reference to the individual himself than to those who surround him, rather with regard to a preparation for the attainment of some great end than to its actual accomplishment. It is in this latter, its most attractive phase, that we are now to consider the power of persistent effort. Life without an object would be but a burden. To simply exist would be to a thinking being the most exquisite torture. That an objective point is essential to happiness is acknowledged by philosophers, confirmed by the experience of mankind, and most sublimely illustrated by a Christian life. It may therefore be assumed that each one of you will have an objective point and that every step in life will be taken with a view to its ultimate possession. Now

the selection of an objective point is a matter of importance not only to yourself, but to your fellow men, and the course which you pursue to attain pre-eminence will be the lamp by whose light men will read your characters. The negative or positive nature of your persistent effort will determine your usefulness and the real position among men to which your merit entitles you. I would direct your attention to the two classes into which all men who have received early culture may be divided, the highest type of which it may be well to present. The scholar and the man of the world in the beginning and to the end are both men of persistent effort. Each takes the first place among his fellows by the same all-powerful means. Both have probably been aspirants for academical honors, but even before they have shouldered the sterner duties a marked difference is noticeable. The scholar reserved and unnaturally sensitive, shrinking from the rude blasts of the outer world, attests with his debilitated frame the waste of the pride in a labor which brings no harvest to himself or to others. This man has no day dream of the future with which to palliate the miseries of the petty present. His highest ambition is the elucidation of a dead tongue, which he can never hope to master as perfectly as those who lived thousands of years ago. Although unable to entirely ignore the practical present his range of thought seldom ventures into the future. The past is his proper domain. The philosophy and history of Greece and Rome seem with some rare exception to embody all that is noblest in thought or in action. His after life is but the counterpart of his youth, his early culture has not been of a character to render his life progressive, he will be a follower but scarcely ever a leader in thought, his life will be one long school day. The study of nature and her laws seem utterly insignificant when viewed beside that long debated point, Where did Hannibal cross the Alps? From the earnestness with which he seeks the true interpretation of some obscure author, and the fervor with which he supports his view of the case, one would imagine that he was solving the problem upon which depended the convenience, the wealth and happiness of millions, that he was arguing the feasibility of an Atlantic cable or had discovered the highways of the winds, of our atmosphere, and of the currents of our oceans. When a life

so elaborately useless, a life so full of misdirected effort draws to a close, the race has drawn little or no benefit from it, the man has made no grasp at the immortality of fame and mankind will scarcely drop a tear over his ashes or crown his memory with the laurel.

The man of the world is known even in boyhood by his eager participation in all that smacks of the adventurous and daring to be a leader, both in thought or action seem to be aspirations that need no culture in him. When after entering upon his college life he finds his comrades unwilling to admit his supremacy, he soon learns to admit the truth announced by the greatest poet of our day:

“Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control.
These three alone lead life to sovereign power.”

He soon acknowledges that in this little world, as in the great world in which he is soon to play his part, command and respect are not to be obtained in a day nor by assertion, but by a strong will, persistent effort, superior information and sound judgment. The period of life known as youth and early manhood may be considered critical; during this time of life certain ideas and certain modes of thought take firm hold on us, so insensibly, yet so surely are we thus moulded that the leading prejudices of almost every educated man can be traced to this period. The first half of this period is peculiarly trying to the man of action, full of life with a high appreciation of the beautiful. Then commences a struggle between future interests and present enjoyment. On the side of the latter we see all the attractions which life hold out to youth, the more solid advantages of the future not so situated as to be seen in a favorable light beside the pleasure of the present. The foreground of the picture is filled with brilliant flowers, in the background are seen but dimly outlined, the vast and shadowy forms of cloud-capped heights; upon which knowledge and power and fame sit enthroned. It is then no matter of surprise that the eye of youth should wonder from the distant, the uncertain yet sublime, to gratefully rest upon the near and the beautiful. It strikes us with no astonishment to hear him in the verdancy of what he deems the great passion of his life cry out like Froilus,

"I tell thee I am mad in Cupid's love," or muttering to himself as he wanders besides some babbling stream,

"Full many a lady,
I have eyed with best regard, and many a time
The harmony of their tongues hath unto bondage
Drawn my two diligent ears;
But you, oh! you,
So perfect and so peerless are created
Of every creature's best."

This temptation to partially neglect that for which we are here though exceedingly powerful cannot be considered extremely dangerous since by proper self-control it may be converted into a strong stimulus to exertion. It is this that is exercised even in youth by the man of the world with the eye habitually resting on the great object of life. His every thought and every action naturally adapts itself to that end, fully convinced that no power which is human can resist this steady, ceaseless advance. He sees in the success of every move, not the result of what men term chance, but a triumph of forethought and judgment. A man of the world is the true sense of the word, he is a student of all that surrounds him; he makes constant application of that which he has gathered from his studies; he uses the light of the past to direct his steps in the present and to aid his vision in the dimly lighted future. This man has naturally acute powers of observation and has acquired cultivated modes of thought. These render evident to him the result of yielding to any of the vicious temptations which may present themselves; he sees as a necessary consequence of a youth of idleness, a life of ignorance and obscurity, a life no matter how full of goodness and of desire to raise the standard of happiness of his race, yet incapable of more than giving alms or comforting a few unfortunates. Considerations of this character induce him to adopt persistent effort as the moving principle of his life, and he is thus enabled to approach nearer and nearer each day that ideal character toward which we should all tend, that intense longing described by Sir William Temple, "To be what he is not and to have that which he has not"; increasing with age and consciousness of power urges him to continuous action that passion which has been defined "as the love of the race in the individual, the love of the man in every man," the passion of

humanity grows strong within him, his charity is a wide-spreading tree that would cover the whole world with its protecting limbs.

Thus the student develops into the man of science, the philosopher, the man who though venerating the past and highly appreciating its accumulations, yet realizes that its stores are far from being complete, that there is a higher culture than the past can bequeath. To him the stream of existence "seems not lost in the darkness of the infinite," its termini—his origin—and destination are both bathed in the glory of the Eternal; discerning his gift of immortality he recognizes in himself powers capable of infinite improvement, truly apprehending his rank in creation, his superiority to the universe of the finite his life is progressive, a life of continuous approximation to the measure of the statue of the perfect. Such is the man whose morality is positive and in keeping with this advanced stage of the world's progress, the man whose high ambition is to do good. The distinctive feature of his persistent effort is its progressive and active nature, progressive because its results are in advance of the age, active because those results reach all men who are alive to their own interests or who esteem truth as the most valuable of earthly possessions.

This, gentlemen of the society, is the man at the close of whose career a great light is said to go out, the memory of which is like the "mournful light that broods above the fallen sun," the man in whose name the page of history grows bright and nations recognize a benefactor.

The two imperfect sketches which we have given will enable us to perceive that the persistent effort of the mere man of language and learning is negative in its character. The chief merit of his life lies in the fact that he has injured no man. On the other hand we see in the life of the philosopher and man of science a devotion to the interest and happiness of mankind that should entitle him to the highest respect and veneration. To imagine that every one of us attains eminence as a scholar, or as a philosopher, undertakes the reform of the age, or as a man of science be handed down to posterity as the father of a science, would be absurd; but that every one of us in his own proper sphere must in some measure be identified with one or the other of these types is beyond question. Our persistent effort must then be negative or

positive in a high degree or take one of the various and blending characters that lies between. The more it is positive the more it will be in keeping with the distinctive character of that "new legal formula," delivered nearly nineteen centuries ago which contains no negative, but always begins "Thou shalt." The more it is positive the closer it will approximate to that of the highest type of the man of the world, the nobler will the aims of life and the more nearly will the great object of our being be accomplished.

The training which you are now receiving will eminently fit you to be men of the world. The system of education under which you live, with its peculiar responsibilities increasing in importance with your age and your capacity to bear them, develops a stern sense of duty, a love of order and law which are invaluable to society. You acquire here a practical knowledge of the control of men and of the necessity for law in their government. You obtain the germs of those powers of organization and administration which when matured will make you prominent both in peace and war. But above all of these there is cultivated that confidence not overbearing and intolerable, but calm and self-reliant which results from a knowledge of your own usefulness and from a constant exercise of judgment. These, gentlemen, are some of the advantages of a system that is to fit you for the world, a system which a diploma with its lists of arts and science but inadequently represents a system which has left its impress on the records of the past in characters that time itself will scarcely efface, and which your lives should illustrate in the future by their usefulness and distinction. The influences which surround your life here render it almost impossible for you to spend your days in the pursuit of the useless, the practical nature of the information you obtain, the scientific and progressive character of this institution which while venerating the knowledge of the past yet forbids the worship of antiquity, these triumphs of untiring energy, these monuments of persistent effort, rising in beauty and strength from spots marked by naught save "blackening ashes and a lonely wall" should so mould the man that his country may point in glowing pride to a life full of devotion to her interests.

FRATERNITIES AND EXTRAVAGANT TENDENCIES.

It is an old and time worn maxim which warns us that where there is much smoke there is always a little fire. A thick and suffocating smoke has risen in many quarters blackening and besmirching the name of the Greek-letter fraternity. Suppose we investigate and see if there is not a bit of fire which we can quench, for the smoke is going to weigh heavily for a long time even after its source is removed.

There are four general indictments pending against the fraternity and nearly all adverse criticism may be included in these four as separate counts. They are: (1) Fraternities contribute largely to poor scholarship, their members have low scholastic standing; and thus fraternities are a menace to the best interest of any educational institution. (2) Fraternities encourage snob-bishness, thus being out of accord with the principles of true democracy. (3) They foster extravagance, excess and dissipation. (4) They combine to practice corruption and unfair dealing in all branches of school politics, athletics, classes, clubs, etc. Let me select one count under number three and discover, if I can, how much the fraternity contributes to extravagant tendencies.

Many a young man entering upon his college life becomes imbued with the idea that being a good fellow means being free with his father's money. This is more apt to be true of fraternity men because for the most part they have not had to earn any of the dollars they make so free with. And while young fellows do not look with contempt upon those who are close-fisted from necessity, they put such a premium upon him who is liberal that many an unfortunate lad goes bankrupt striving to be the object of hero-worship himself. The whole spirit and atmosphere of fraternity life is apt to encourage this.

The typical fraternity freshman comes from a home in moderate circumstances. He is wide-awake and eager to learn the ways of college boys. For many a week he lives in more or less horror

of doing or saying something that will mark him as cheap, or unsophisticated. And it is the best men who live in the greatest fear. The dull-witted fellows don't know, or don't care what is thought of them. The bright, clever and spirited ones strain every faculty to become acclimated, as it were. You cannot expect them to have independence enough to care nothing for the opinion of others. We can talk very wisely about doing as we think right and letting the world go to the deuce, but I tell you it is more than we have a right to ask of the young fraternity freshman. It takes a strong man to run against convention. He must live practically alone; if he does not undergo the sneers of his companions he is at least obliged to suffer their neglect. Ostracism, even unintentional ostracism, is a terrible thing; bad enough for the man in everyday life, but simply awful to the college freshman. Sometimes it happens because he is personally disliked—but that is rare; other times because his tastes are different and he seems to have nothing in common with the others, and many a time it is because he can't spend the money to keep up his end.

Many a time freshmen have come to me confidentially, and with an air of bewilderment, or resentment, and always grief, have said, "The fellows never ask me to go anywhere." There is tragedy in plenty. It is short-lived to be sure in most cases, but none the less poignant because it is brief. The reasons are manifold, some people make companions easily—others do not; but when the root of the trouble lies in the fact that the victim is short of money the problem is hard to solve. The "bunch" will go out for an evening, either all together or in small groups, and knowing that money will be spent in having a good time refrain from inviting the impecunious one to go along—not because of any contempt or disdain, but rather from a sense of delicacy. Hence the complaint, "The fellows never ask me to go anywhere." Many a lad comes to college with the firm intention of being very circumspect and economical, knowing that only the practice of economy has brought him there. But often when he joins a fraternity the pressure to spend becomes too great and after overcoming a few qualms of conscience he spends as much as he has, and more than that he begins to tap every resource.

Fathers are usually wise enough to stand out against importunities and send only the regular monthly allowance—usually determined upon before college days begin. But often there are other sources. The women folks for instance; they must be either gullible or else over-indulgent. Many a time have I known boys who are spending more than they ought, to get contraband checks from mother; and grandmothers and aunts too are guilty. You will wonder how I know all these personal things—well, I'm not going to tell you how I know them. You must accept or reject the bare statement of fact. However, the seriousness of the situation is not apparent at once. It lies in the fact that the additional sum is quickly spent, another pleaded for and given under protest. This too is spent and after a few such contributions the boy has fallen into a way of living that requires the augmented allowance as a necessity. And then; well, almost invariably attempts to cut down allowances end disastrously. Just as I am writing I recall vividly three particular cases. Exasperated parents cut off on the supply—bring it down to a reasonable amount; then where before the son has spent freely now he charges just as freely or vainly attempts to gamble for more. Inevitably he gets hopelessly into debt to some one, a tradesman, a friend, or his fraternity. The fact doesn't come out until near the end of the term, and then the indignant and outraged father pays the bill and takes the son out of school. I sometimes think if business men could be required to demand cash for everything sold to students it would be a good thing. But on the contrary they encourage the "trusting" system and urge the boys to start accounts. Full well they know it encourages indiscriminate and frequent purchases. Many tradesmen succeed in charging higher prices and getting nine-tenths of the trade simply because they are not disagreeable about the bill. Ultimately it is always paid and they know it. The school authorities are pretty sure to see to that if necessary. And so this "charging" evil goes on and gets many a boy "in bad." I don't know how it can be stopped. That fraternities encourage it we cannot doubt. The man who most successfully "puts one over" on this, that or the other collector and eludes his creditors is admired and praised to excess. Those who do not admire him laugh at him, and that makes him

vain. The very reference to the fact that he has done some such thing gives him the impression that he is exceedingly cute, if a bit unscrupulous.

The fellows with money have every possible inducement to spend it. From the first week they join they are all ears and eyes. Very soon they will hear a conversation about clothing. The merits of this, that and the other tailor are discussed. The novice soon realizes that the "ready-made" man is out of place. He secretly resolves to add ten or fifteen dollars to his next suit and have the popular tailor make it. If bold and "fresh" he blurts into the conversation and noisily states what *he* thinks about clothes, which is only an enlargement upon what he has already heard expressed. Others keep quiet, and later on make casual remarks about their tailor at home, etc., hoping that no one suspects them of wearing a ready-made. Clothing dealers have been only too successful in their campaign of advertising; many ads being little short of insulting to a man's self-respect, implying as they do that he who is not dressed in the latest style lacks the elemental makings of a man. Fraternities carry on the propaganda, though many of the individuals secretly rebel against it. How strange it is that men will do in the group what they would scorn as individuals! Each is a coward and afraid of the poor opinion of his fellows. And you must not blame the individual—it would be unfair; so we are forced to blame the intangible group. The freshman is the worst coward of all because he is the weakest. He does what the older ones do, and pretends with all his might that he has done it all his life.

Returning after Christmas holidays he springs into a taxi, draws up at "the house" with a dash, tosses the fare to the driver, and swaggers in, knowing full well he ought to have walked it. With admirable nonchalance he orders a pair of shoes from the traveling agent—though at first he was a trifle awed at the great price demanded. With a supercilious air that is quite overpowering he selects fabrics of the traveling shirt maker and orders two or three—though a week since he never dreamed of having a shirt made to order. And so it goes with socks, neckties, jewelry, decorative skins, etc. These latter—pure luxuries—maybe he will afford to overlook and put aside

with an assumption of shrewd economy; but the necessities of life—such as silk hose and shirts, fancy neckties, dancing pumps, colored hat bands and handkerchiefs; to say nothing of shoes, gloves, raincoats, caps, etc., he simply must have, and finding them dangled under his nose, and being purchased by the others, what wonder that he succumbs!

There is an insidious poison that is injected into the blood of every initiate. It makes him to believe that he must keep up appearances, that if he fails he will be a social outcast. This poison is diffused at all times by sophomores and upper classmen. At the dinner table, in private conversation, at cards, at social gatherings—everywhere. By look and glance, nod, sneer or smile, by sarcasm and insinuation, by significant reticence or bold and scathing comment they spread this poison broadcast. The freshman living in this atmosphere is soon thoroughly inoculated—and in turn gives poison. Many men know this sham is contemptible—but, as I said before, as individuals they believe and think one way; as members of the group they act another. It is bound to be so. On the other hand there are many cases where fellows do not rise above this sham.

The results of this evil tendency to extravagance, of course, vary with individuals. Extravagant habits and tastes have been acquired. They show up in most unexpected ways. The fellow who once shined his own shoes positively blushes at the very remembrance of it and pays his nickle or a dime every day to have it done. Instead of shaving himself he goes to the barber and adds to the shave a massage which soon becomes just as necessary as the shave. In traveling, he who once used to sit in the day coach without once thinking of the parlor car now pays his dollar or two for a chair. They get exaggerated ideas about clothing. Their amusements must be of a more expensive kind. He who used to dine heartily on a fifty-cent dinner now wants a high-class restaurant and thinks nothing of a dollar and a quarter for his meal. For the man who has money it may not be serious; he has only acquired tastes that were sure to be developed sooner or later. As for the man without money, he has acquired a habit that may bring him all kinds of woe; even if nothing worse than a feeling of dissatisfaction that he cannot indulge in his new-found

tastes. After all the significant thing is that nearly all fraternity men fall into the rut. Some willingly and eagerly, some slowly and cautiously, others see the way things are going, but don't care. And then there are others like myself, fully conscious and alive to the situation, but lacking nerve to attack it until they are out.

Kinds of extravagance which faculties are trying their best to put down are what I call competitive social functions. The A B C's must have a dance because the D E F's had one last week; and the X Y Z's have a house party because "all the other crowds do." Sometimes a majority of the individuals heartily detest these social functions, but lend their support to keep up the good name of the fraternity. The expense attached to the big functions like junior promenades, etc., is grossly misrepresented and exaggerated. But nevertheless it is greater than it ought to be. The actual function itself is not the object of lavishness, but the respective house parties always attendant on it are. Dress suits and their expensive accessories are necessary; oftentimes being a complete novelty to the wearers which is shown in many amusing ways. Nothing is spared to supply the girls every possible luxury. Maids and hairdressers are at hand to supply the every want of these youngsters and tickle their vanity by the implied compliment that to such attentions they are perfectly accustomed and always expect to receive. These pretensions are nonsensical, fool nobody, and excite the wrath of outsiders. That the sorority girl contributes largely to this mania for extravagance and pretension there can be no doubt. Anyhow, the result is that at the end of three or four days the participants come to earth with a bump and we find that as a group the fraternity has spent a sum large enough to send a man to college one full year or more.

Do not think that I accuse all fraternity chapters of being guilty of every fault I mention. It is not so; but the point is, all of them are guilty of some, and even some are too many. It is what gets fraternities into ill repute and they must be brought to a realization of the fact. An argment often presented against what I have said is that fraternities have little or nothing to do with extravagance because the members would spend just as much whether they belonged to fraternities or not. But outside

the fraternity the group spirit is not so strong. The student is more an individual than a unit in a group. Of course, even so he is influenced more or less by those about him, but his most immediate companions, those who have by far the greatest influence over him, are of his own choosing. And if his first acquaintances do not suit him he quietly finds others. In the case of the fraternity man this is not so. The freshman on one fateful day chooses for all time his most immediate associates. When he puts on the pledge button he sacrifices all right to pick his own companions all through his four years of college life. That sounds like a drastic statement, but just consider how true it is. He must be companionable with his fraternity brothers, he must live with them, work with them, be with them in pleasure and in trouble. No matter what other friends he may have his fraternity brothers do and should occupy the foremost position in his affections and thoughts. The group spirit develops to such an extent that it binds men to think alike, talk and act alike in many things. An individual must always give up something when he becomes a unit in an organization. In return for the benefits he receives he must sacrifice part of his individuality and bow to the group will; try to influence it, of course, but be subject to it in any event. That is part of being a loyal member of your organization. Then how much stronger that tie must be, how much more potent the influence, how much greater the sacrifice demanded and how much larger the benefit received when that organization takes the place of a home in the individual's life and affections. And so it is that fraternity men are more completely under group dominance than any other member of college society. And when the group begins to exercise a bad influence, due to the imperceptible growth of false standards, the result is deplorable. Then it is that we should direct our energies toward correcting them and not to breaking up the group and thus destroying all its good influences as well.

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THE FRATERNITY AND THE COLLEGE.

A collection of papers under the above title, dealing with the many-sided problems of college life and their relation to the Greek-letter college fraternities, by Thomas Arkle Clark, for many years dean of men of the University of Illinois, has recently left the press of George Banta. It is a book about men, written for men by a man. The fruit of wide experience and keen observation, it is notable if considered only as a record of sociological data. But it is more than that, for to observation the writer has added analysis and to analysis, logic; and, as a result, we have, in readable form, the ripe opinions of one who knows his subject as few are permitted to know it.

The author cherishes no illusions whatever as to the character of the average young man, but knowledge has not weakened his faith in human nature. He is as far removed from the prude who blinds himself to the truth, lest the truth should prove unpleasant, as he is from the prude who knows the truth and screams scandal. It is a trifle disconcerting to have our professions and our practices set down side by side for comparison, and it is still more so to have the result calmly and remorselessly analyzed by a scientist. But, in this instance at least, it is a wholesome medicine, for the criticism, though direct, is always constructive, and the praise, which is given where merited, is not so unreserved as to cause undue self-satisfaction.

The book ignores, or, perhaps, passes as a matter of course, the mysticism and romance which is the primary appeal of the fraternity, and treats of the more practical matter of mutual helpfulness in character building. Kindly but frank, tolerant but just, the author has set down without prejudice both the strength and the weakness of the modern fraternity, and, not content with merely recording his observations, has met the issues thus presented squarely, has pointed out the vital nature of fraternity ideals and has indicated the way toward their more perfect realization.

The bigoted fraternity proponent and the intolerant fraternity opponent alike will find as little comfort in the work as will those faculty members whose moral laxity or executive incompetence is reflected in the conduct of the student body and who would cover their shortcomings by making of the fraternity a scapegoat. But to the shrewd and able educational leader seeking to develop the undergraduate in clean living and self-reliance through his own associations this volume will become a textbook.

Of the thirteen monographs in the collection eight have appeared previously as magazine articles and five are published for the first time. The former were written for college and fraternity men and deal with intimate problems of fraternity life; the latter are addressed to a wider audience and cannot fail to promote a better understanding of fraternities in the mind of the public, particularly that portion of the public composed of the parents of undergraduates.

This volume should have a place in the library of every chapter of every fraternity, not only as a rule whereby to measure the conduct of the chapter, but as an answer to those who from time to time bring false charges against the fraternity system. As an eliminator of that self-complacency which leads to stagnation it is a mildly bitter but entirely wholesome tonic; as a nailer of the stock lies of the ignorant but malicious opposition it is Thor's own hammer.

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WORTHY GRAND CHIEF GIFFIN'S MESSAGE.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—The following message was written by Worthy Grand Chief Nathan F. Giffin and addressed to and read to the recent conclave of Province III. The message excited so much attention on the part of the conclave, and contains so much of vital interest to the entire Fraternity, that we have concluded it should be preserved in the pages of the PALM. It will fully repay a careful reading.]

Brother Drake has asked me to send you some message that he might deliver to you at this, your fifth conclave, and I have asked him to have read to you what each of you has doubtless read before, the wonderful article by Brother Reno in the September PALM, "A Visit to Thorncliff."

That literary gem, that most valuable contribution toward the innermost history of our Fraternity, should be to each of us an inspiration of incalculable worth.

Too often, I fear, in the stress of everyday existence, we are prone to forget the real inwardness of Alpha Tau Omega; we are wont not infrequently to consider it a social organization where good-fellowship alone is the reason for its existence; we look more often and longer at the material side of the fraternity than at that less exposed but more important side on which is inscribed the fundamental reason for its existence.

And it requires such an article as "A Visit to Thorncliff," filled as it is with sentiment and human interest, to make us again realize that away down deep Alpha Tau Omega is builded upon a foundation which must endure so long as the world endures.

Some time ago Brother Reno, in my presence, told this same story to an executive officer of a national fraternity, and as the tale unfolded, and as he heard how far and above everything else there was in the mind of our founder the desire to create an organization that should, to some extent at least, be the means of helping to make from a land, rent asunder by the ravages of a cruel fratricidal war, a reunited country; an organization that should do its part toward developing in America what had never

before existed—a true nationalism, which would blot out, once and for all, all sectionalism and all sectional hatred, his interest became breathlessly intense, and eagerly he drank in every word, and when the story was done he leaned back in his chair, silent, and then, with a voice trembling with emotion, said, “Boys, I have studied carefully the history of the college fraternity system, and the histories of most of the fraternities: I know why and how many of them were organized. I had always believed that the motives which prompted the founding of my own were the highest and most exalted of any, and that its ideals could not be surpassed, but after hearing about Alpha Tau, I am forced to change my opinion. There is none that can compare with you, with the sublimity of effort of your founder; you’ve got it on them all!”

I like to read and re-read “A Visit to Thorncliff,” because of the wonderful story it teaches, and after each reading I lay the book down with the feeling that because of that story I am a better Alpha Tau, because of the realization that I am a part of an organization which has, to no unimportant degree, helped to create the American Nationalism which today exists.

But with this thought and with this pride there always comes another, that to us—to you and to me—has been left a wonderful heritage, and that upon each of us rests the responsibility, not only of preserving intact and unsullied what has been given us, but of handing it on down to those who will follow a little bit better and a little bit stronger than it was when we received it.

We would be untrue to Alpha Tau Omega, and false to our best impulses, if, because of the Fraternity’s past, we would wish to bask in the sunshine of the glories of our fathers, or be content to shine by whatever of reflected light there may be in their deeds.

This age in which we live is one of service, and one of work, and as there grew in Otis Glazebrook’s mind the conception of reuniting the North and the South through Alpha Tau Omega, so in our minds should come the realization of our duty to preserve that reunited country.

The problems of today are not specifically those of a half century ago. With the development of social, industrial and national life there has come a corresponding complexity in social, industrial and national affairs, and it is to the solution of these,

so far as within each of us lies, that we should individually, and as an organization, bend our efforts; for their correct solution is bound to require the most earnest thought that the best trained minds of America can give.

If Alpha Tau Omega shall help so to guide and train the minds and characters of those who come within her folds, that they will go forth from college into the world better equipped, mentally, morally and physically, to grapple with and solve these questions as they will from time to time present themselves, then she will have accomplished something of real worth; then she will have demonstrated beyond peradventure that she still occupies a well-defined and useful place in the system of higher education in America.

That, my brothers, is the teaching of "A Visit to Thorncliff"; the brotherhood of man, the love of country, loyalty and dignity of service in their truest and widest sense. Ever keep in mind the fact that what you get from your fraternity will be measured directly by how much of your time, your thought and your best effort you give to her.

And as you boys leave Iowa City and go back again into your various paths of daily life, carry with you and radiate a spirit of optimism. Believe this to be a good world, full of happiness, for those who rationally strive to attain it; rich in honors, for those who deserve them; full of hard work, for him who would accomplish something of worth, but with ample resources for the industrious, who, as Stevenson said, "Earn a little and spend a little less"; full of good neighbors and fast friends, for those who treat others with unfailing courtesy, practicing justice and showing mercy.

Believe that one, whose character is founded upon the principles of correct living and whose life is guided by the teachings of Him whose coming was foretold by the Hebrew poet and prophet, will surely realize the promises made in his words of commanding dignity, "Then you will delight yourselves, ride upon the high places of the earth and be filled with the heritage of Jacob."

With my sincerest best wishes for each of you, and for your several chapters, and particularly for the prosperity of the baby chapter of the province, I am

NATHAN F. GIFFIN.

THE PROVINCE CONCLAVES.

SIXTH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE IV.

Four days in advance, the first loyal Alpha Taus arrived in Boston to attend the sixth biennial convale of Province IV held on February 22d. Tufts and Technology were represented by practically their entire chapters; the Worcester representation was large and gratifying, and the more distant chapters each had a delegate and several members attending.

On Monday evening, February 21st, a smoker was held at the Westminster Hotel. It is said there are two kinds of smokers—the Alpha Tau and the other kind, and this smoker defies description. Soon after their arrival, the brothers were renewing friendships and talking over old times. The professional entertainers kept their hearers in a gale of laughter, and several men from Tufts rendered some fraternal songs which were very well received. The Technology freshmen cared for the wants of the visitors—saw that every wish was fulfilled, and “every thirst quenched.”

The first business session was held on the morning of the 22d, with Province Chief Macomber in the chair. In his opening address the Province Chief spoke of the growth of the Fraternity and its problems. The present average chapter roll in New England is twenty-nine, with a total active membership in the province of 203. The relations with the college community must be intensively cultivated and the development of our organization as such must be concentrated and have definite policies. In our relations with our fraternity as fraternity men there must be an understanding of a national organization, a knowledge of the constitution and secret work, and the purely fraternal relationships of man to man should be emphasized. The future is bright, for our chapters are in better condition than ever before.

At present, there are in New England three formal petitions before the Province Chief, and a thorough discussion of the locals and the schools prevailed.

Two very excellent papers were read at the morning session; the first, on "Our Relationships with the College," by Flanders, of Colby, and the second, on "Rushing and Pledging," by Bean, of Vermont.

Between the business sessions a buffet lunch was served at the Technology chapter house. Later, the fellows gathered in the living room, and the halls resounded with the fine, old fraternity songs.

In the afternoon the chapter delegates made their reports, and the reading of the papers, "The Chapter House, Its Problems from an Operating Standpoint," by Symmes, of Tufts, and, "The Commissary," by Pomeroy, of Worcester, was followed by a lively and edifying discussion. Shortly before adjourning, Harold E. Curtis, of Brown, a most enthusiastic alumnus, gave a short, but emphatic, talk on "Alumni Co-operation."

The conclave banquet at the Westminster in the evening was of the "ne'er to be forgotten" kind. Brother Curtis was toastmaster and his equal would be hard to find. After the coffee had been served and cigarettes lighted, every man turned expectantly toward the head table. Such speeches as were given on that eve of Washington's Birthday were never before equaled at any Alpha Tau banquet in New England. E. H. Packard, renowned for his fraternal spirit and unceasing support, spoke with telling force on "Fraternity Problems." "Our Alumni" was the subject for discussion by Obert Sletten, of Wisconsin, who told of his experiences with college men in the breadlines in large cities. President Bumpus, of Tufts College, not an Alpha Tau, but a Greek with a thorough and sympathetic understanding of fraternities, was heard on "The College and the Fraternity." "The Undergraduates" were ably represented by Thomas D. Lebby, Jr., of M. I. T. Province Chief Macomber spoke with his characteristic vigor and enthusiasm on "The Province."

When the Worthy Grand Chief rises in his chair at a banquet the impulse of every man is to cheer; when Brother Giffin speaks, the spark of fraternal spirit in every man breaks into flame and the depths of his feeling for Alpha Tau Omega are stirred. Holding his audience in rapt attention, the Worthy Grand Chief spoke, as few men can speak, on "Alpha Tau Omega." At the con-

clusion of his address there was a dead silence which was followed by a tremendous uproar of applause. With prolonged and tumultuous cheers the banquet and the conclave were brought to a close and the brothers returned to their colleges scattered over New England.

On his way home one man was heard saying to another, "That was one GREAT conclave." "Yes," replied the other, "it was a *bully* conclave, but we'll have even a better one in 1918."

CLIFFORD E. SIFTON.



FIFTH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE V.

The Pennsylvania and New York chapters convened in the fifth biennial conclave at South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on March 25th. All the sessions and functions were held in the magnificent new house of the Lehigh chapter.

A morning session, over which Province Chief Frey presided, was largely devoted to hearing the reports of the chapters. Every chapter was reported to be in an excellent condition in every respect. With only two exceptions every chapter in the province lives in its own house. One of the exceptions is Washington and Jefferson and there all the fraternities rent their homes. The other is our new chapter at State College which will, however, very soon become the owner of an adequate home. In every phase of college activity the chapters have secured favorable recognition and in the more important matter of scholarship the chapters have generally maintained a high, not to say exalted, standard. The relationship of the chapters to the general Fraternity have, under the supervision of the able and energetic administration of Province Chief Victor Frey, continued to be without exception exceedingly close, and no chapter was reported to be delinquent in any respect. Indeed, the whole outlook was most gratifying.

The Lehigh chapter entertained the conclave with an appetizing luncheon and the afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of topics of timely interest. Thus, Alfred H. Williams, of the Pennsylvania chapter, told, in the entertaining manner for which he has become so noted, of the methods of rushing pursued by his chapter during the season just closed. We have asked

him to write the story for the *PALM*, but we may anticipate it by stating that among the features of the season's campaign was a series of smokers tendered to the prospective neophytes, at which men of prominence were invited to attend and address the assemblage. For instance, at one smoker "Connie" Mack, the great Athletics manager, spoke on the subject, "Clean Athletics," to a crowd of university freshmen that crowded into every inch of available space of the Pennsylvania Tau house. As a result, Pennsylvania secured a bunch of fine, upstanding initiates. Luther Fry told of conditions at Muhlenberg, where Pennsylvania Alpha Iota has no competition on the part of any national fraternity chapter. He showed how the lack of competition was responsible for some evils within the college and the chapter and the conclave was pleased to learn that one of the Muhlenberg locals was likely to be granted a charter by a reputable national fraternity in the very near future. John M. Wells and J. Montgomery Raine told the story of the building of the Lehigh chapter house. Modest "Monty" Raine accorded most of the credit for the completion of the beautiful \$24,000 house to others, but the conclave was quite generally aware that it was his own energy, perseverance and generosity that made the project possible. Of course, we were glad to have him say that our old friend and side kicker, "Jim" Truman, former Province Chief, was responsible for the enterprise. Raine says that Truman made a speech to the Lehigh chapter that induced the conviction that it too could build a house. Any one who has ever heard James Truman, of the renowned Cornell chapter, talk will be inclined to think that doing a little thing like building a chapter house by speech alone is only a small part of a day's work. Why, Maudie dear, that man could move a mountain to tears with an impromptu speech! The Cornell delegate told an amusing story of how the rushing rules at the Ithaca University went to the demnition bow-wows in the final hours of the rushing season. George Fitch's stories of "Siwash College" have very little on the tale of the antics performed by some so-called leading fraternities beside the Cayohoga Lake. A round-table discussion of many more topics followed and the conclave's business sessions were adjourned.

In the evening some eighty active and alumni men sat down

to a finely prepared dinner in the spacious dining room of the Lehigh house. When the menu had been disposed of the Province Chief, acting as toastmaster, inveigled the Worthy Grand Scribe into making a speech. Those who heard it were astounded that the Worthy Grand Chief should afterward seek to be credited with its authorship. Reno spoke on his favorite subject, "The Second Founder," and told the story of how the man and the crisis met in 1876—how Joseph R. Anderson rescued Alpha Tau Omega from an early demise. The Worthy Grand Chief made one of his famous speeches on "Alpha Tau Omega." This man Giffin was formerly a modest, shrinking little violet sort of a fellow, but three years in the highest executive office have made him a post-prandial orator *par excellence*, and Paul Hickok, "Uncle Bill" Smiley, John Van der Vries and Robert W. Bingham had better look to their laurels. It was a great speech and was rewarded with the kind of applause that only Alpha Taus know how to make. After the Worthy Grand Chief's great effort was over there was nothing more to be said and the banquet and conclave were adjourned *sine die*.



FOURTH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE VI.

The development that Province VI has experienced in the past two years was forcibly impressed when the delegates from the five chapters met for the fourth biennial conclave at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on February 14th and 15th. Sponsored by the two neighboring chapters, Xi, of Trinity College, at Durham, and Alpha Delta, at Chapel Hill, the conclave was marked by a large attendance, interesting discussions and a keen display of cordiality.

For two days the conclave was in session and, during this period, were mingled an appreciable amount of business with a round of pleasures. On the first evening the Xi chapter entertained the conclave with a banquet at the Commonwealth Club. It was an occasion of rare moment and pleasure, for, despite the lack of "the stuff that the vinters sell," the forty assembled brothers were lively and joyous. To send the visiting brothers off further impressed with the hospitality of the hosts, North Carolina Alpha

Delta contributed the parting event in a wonderful little dance at the chapter house. The revelry continued until early Wednesday morning when the dancers halted as the morning waned.

But the other side of the fraternity life was not relegated to the background. In two days the Alpha Taus learned of the progress that the individual chapters had made, of their ideals and of their plans for the future. And, in these revelations, the conclave became satisfied that the province was never in a healthier, more robust condition.

The opening session, on Monday afternoon at the Alpha Delta chapter house, saw the meeting get speedily under way. After a formal opening by Worthy Master Brown, of Alpha Delta, Province Chief Beverley D. Tucker assumed charge of the meeting and found that each chapter had representation. After the election of a secretary, the minutes of the third biennial conclave were read. An inspiring message from the Worthy Grand Chief, Nathan F. Giffin, followed. His report to the conclave consisted of two broad divisions. The brothers assembled were impressed with the growing magnitude of the national fraternity, when he traced its growth from May 1, 1913, when the undergraduate membership was 1,233, until May 1, 1915, when there were 1,313 on the rolls. In his report, the opinion was expressed that the figure would attain the number of 1,400 for 1916.

Perhaps the growth of Province VI was not less enlightening. From an aggregate total of sixty-three for 1913, the province was shown to have been sixty-nine in number in 1914, and seventy-five in 1915. Upon reviewing the statistics, the Worthy Grand Chief asserted that the aggregate number in the province should reach eighty-five by May 1st. In this belief he was confirmed by the membership committee which reported the present number to be eighty-seven.

Besides reviewing the numerical growth of the Fraternity, the chief executive offered statistics to show that Alpha Tau Omega was looming up as a big fraternity from a property standpoint. He showed that in the fall of 1912, Alpha Tau Omega owned thirteen fraternity houses, which were valued at \$139,250. By announcing that the Fraternity owned twenty-six, at a valuation of \$372,500 in the fall of 1915, he concluded, "This is a greater

increase both proportionately and numerically than any other fraternity shows."

In regard to Province VI, the Worthy Grand Chief declared, "So far as my observation goes, each of your chapters is in a stronger position today than two years ago." His message then turned to "the other side of the Fraternity," and his expressions about "another side which is of greater importance and upon which the very life and existence of our organization depends," were even more engaging than those which preceded. The message was characteristic of the great leader and was heartily received. A message of greetings was immediately dispatched to him by the conclave.

The conclave was then favored with a report from Beverley D. Tucker, Chief of Province VI. His message was devoted similarly to a discussion of the two phases of the Fraternity. He told of his personal visits to each of the five chapters and remarked about the healthy conditions that existed within them. He voiced the opinion that the chapters had improved in their attention to the national organization and that he was pleased with the progress noted.

He spoke at some length concerning the part that the chapters in this province had played in the growth of the national organization and impressed the facts that the three oldest chapters of Alpha Tau Omega were situated within the bounds of this province. He commended the chapters upon their interpretation of the meaning of a fraternity and exhorted them to uphold their ideals.

After the messages the Province Chief appointed five committees and instructed them to report at the next session.

The five delegates rendered reports as to conditions in their respective chapters. The real strength of the Fraternity was emphasized by such resumes of the parts that Alpha Taus were taking in collegiate activities and undertakings at the respective colleges and universities. General discussions upon the "Social and Spiritual Side of the Fraternity" and "Province VI's Part in the Approaching Congress" were entered into by the delegates and members.

Just before the adjournment of the first session, Reuben Lewis,

upon behalf of Virginia Beta, at Washington and Lee University, extended an invitation that the fifth biennial conclave meet in Lexington. The significance of Lexington to the Fraternity served as a theme of comment to the Province Chief, who advised the other delegates to accept the invitation and also urged them to make a big event of the next assemblage. The conclave accepted the invitation and then adjourned.

The closing meeting was given over mostly to the reports of committees and official business.

Some interesting matters were unearthed in the findings of the committees. The chapter house committee announced that, since the last conclave, Virginia Delta, at the University of Virginia, had erected a \$10,000 structure on a \$4,000 site. The Alpha Delta chapter, at North Carolina, declared that the \$2,000 mortgage on the house would have been raised within a month.

Virginia Beta, the oldest chapter in the Fraternity, announced that it would start a movement, seeking a national memorial house at Lexington, and that the financial aid of the national Fraternity would be sought.

The credentials committee reported that the authorized delegates to the conclave were: W. R. Abbott, IV, Virginia Delta; Reuben A. Lewis, Virginia Beta; J. W. Wallace, Trinity Xi; McDaniel Lewis, North Carolina Alpha Delta, and G. L. B. Rivers, South Carolina Beta Xi. The scholarship committee endorsed Worthy Grand Chief Giffin in his efforts to attain a higher standard of scholarship, while Gordon Carver, North Carolina Xi, '15, made an interesting and stimulating address on behalf of the alumni of the province.

One of the most momentous announcements of the conclave was voiced by the committee on resolutions, when it commended the financial assistance of the general Fraternity in the erection of a house, which should serve as a memorial hall to the national Fraternity. The conclave voted unanimously to endorse the resolution and Province Chief Tucker supplemented this with an offer to bring the matter up before the next Congress in St. Louis.

Just before adjournment, the conclave duly honored the officers. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Worthy Grand Chief Giffin for his great work in behalf

of the Fraternity. For their cordial hospitality and interest, the two North Carolina chapters were thanked by the Province Chief as the representative of the other chapters. Gordon Carver, on behalf of the province, commended Beverley D. Tucker for his untiring efforts and interest in the respective chapters and expressed a sincere appreciation.

The conclave was then declared adjourned until 1918 when the representatives of the five chapters will assemble in Lexington.

CONCLAVE PAPERS.

PROVINCE III.

I—THE ALUMNI INTEREST.

Although the most important factor in the welfare of a chapter is the interest of the active men, the thing of next importance is the interest and backing of the alumni. The value of the alumni cannot be overestimated. The alumni is made up of that group of men who have gone before, who really understand what Alpha Tau Omega means. It is to the alumni that the active chapters must turn for help. When any large sum of money is needed the alumni must be asked to help. They should be willing to give freely and to offer any helpful suggestions which may come to them. It is the duty of the active men to keep the alumni interested in the chapter so that they will respond the more readily to the demands made of them. How may this be best accomplished?

The first thing that suggests itself to our mind is the alumni letter. Many chapters of this province get out alumni letters which are certainly fine examples of what can be done in this field. The letters of Nebraska and Minnesota are recalled to mind especially. These letters are full of college "pep" and the true fraternity spirit, and the reader is made acquainted with the chapter's activities. The alumni are made acquainted with the names of the men and what they are doing. These letters are undoubtedly a great means of keeping up alumni interest.

The [alumni organizations also help to keep up the interest. The men are kept in touch with the affairs of the fraternity and are constantly meeting the younger men of the fraternity. This phase of fraternity organization does not concern the active men so much because the initiative is taken by the alumni themselves.

Another means of holding interest is through regular "home-comings." Let some definite time be set for this affair and the

alumni can plan to return to the chapter at that time to renew old and make new acquaintanceships.

However, the best means of keeping up the interest is by having a house proposition before them. This is the thing that makes them pull together and feel a vital interest in the chapter. This gives them more of the feeling of partnership with the active men. The alumni feel the necessity of keeping track of what the chapter does and of seeing that the finances are properly handled. Frequent statements serve as reminders and the men feel the necessity of concerted action. The house proposition is probably the best means of gaining the interest of the alumni.

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II—THE SCHOLASTIC STANDING.

There is probably no question at the present time that is so vital to the welfare of the fraternity, or rather fraternities, as that of attaining better scholastic standing. The enemies of fraternities have used fraternity scholarship as their big argument against them. The governing boards of the different universities and colleges where fraternities have been ousted have found that their comparative low scholarship is their bar with which to pry out the fraternities. At some institutions, including Nebraska, the fact seems to prevail that the unsophisticated freshmen who join a fraternity is the cause of low scholarship, and sophomore pledging is the rule. This, in some cases, is the truth, for statistics show that at Nebraska three years ago 46.3 per cent. of pledged men were delinquent. These facts have not only become alarming as to the existence of the fraternity, but for the time being has been fatal to any progressive movement such as building or buying.

Four years ago the fraternity scholarship at Nebraska reached such a state that the fraternities awoke to the fact that something had to be done and be done immediately. Sophomore pledging rule was passed and was to go into effect in the fall of 1916. Pending legislation also strengthened the alarm. Realizing that in union there is strength the fraternities voluntarily came together in an Inter-Fraternity Council, consisting of one

active man from each national fraternity presided over by a faculty member. The all-important question at the time was "How can we raise our scholarship?" and the battle cry of the Nebraska Greek became "Higher scholarship."

And now as to the means adopted by the council. Beginning next semester clerical help paid from the university funds will be put in for the purpose of keeping records so that each fraternity can get the standing of each man for each month and the weak ones oftener. If a man falls down he is immediately reported to the fraternity scholarship committee and if the fraternity itself cannot get anything out of him the council calls him up on the carpet which is usually sufficient. This applies to all upper classmen as well as to freshmen.

Next initiation rules were revised to give the freshmen an incentive to study. At the present time any freshman who makes all his hours the first semester can be initiated. If not he must make twenty-four hours to become eligible. If any freshman fails to make twelve hours the first semester his pledge is automatically dropped, first having six weeks given him in which to make up incompletes.

Immediately following came the abolishing of all freshman inter-fraternity organizations which took effect this semester. This kept the freshmen from politics and the diverting activities which are characteristic of freshman organizations and kept him where he could accomplish something.

With these rules pressure can be brought both upon the freshmen and upper classmen. Some doubt existed at first as to how these rules would be lived up to, but the good faith in which they have been kept is evidenced by the fact that more pledges have been dropped this semester than at any time in the history of the institution, and that in practically every case it was for scholarship alone.

Once each semester a mass meeting is held, at which time alumni, faculty men and active men discuss the questions concerning the fraternities and needless to say that scholarship is the most harped on of all.

And now as to the methods employed within the fraternities themselves. While they are different somewhat in detail, the

general plan is the same in all schools; that is, of two kinds: That of having a sponsor for each freshmen and of having a scholarship committee. They serve their purpose very well, but while you can bulldoze a freshman into burying his face in a book, it does not teach him to study, nor does it affect the upper classmen. Dean Enberg, executive dean of the university, advocates the building up of higher ideals of scholarship and establishing such a system. Also of having a sponsor for each weakling, making no discrimination between freshmen and upper classmen. While the latter is contrary to fraternity conditions, there is no doubt but that an upper classman who has to set back and have a freshman "rag" him on scholarship would have to put his work on a higher basis.

Another factor which has a noticeable result is a proper attitude and proper surroundings in the chapter house. A system, whereby each two students may have a private study room and den with a dormitory, is the most successful, according to reports from colleges from different parts of the country. This allows a little privacy and quietude.

Proper house rules of course are a necessity, but they largely depend upon the local conditions as to their stringency. By far the greatest influence can be brought about by having the proper spirit and attitude around the chapter house, and this is best affected by the upper classmen. A lax spirit and carelessness of attitude we usually find are characteristic of a poor student. Too often the poor students are the ones that compose the "shin roasting circle" after dinner and neglect an evening of study.

A few statistics will show the results of these plans:

	1911	1912
Per cent. initiated fraternity men delinquent.....	43.7	44.2
Per cent. pledged fraternity men delinquent.....	48.4	44.2
Per cent. non-fraternity men delinquent.....	29.5	25.3
	1914	1915
Per cent. initiated fraternity men delinquent.....	38.4	29.5
Per cent. pledged fraternity men delinquent.....	46.2	56.2
Per cent. non-fraternity men delinquent.....	31.8	25.7

These show that the delinquencies among fraternity men has steadily grown less, while non-fraternity men have practically

remained the same. This, together with the fact that the fraternity man carries an average of 15 hours' work against 14.6, carried by non-fraternity men, and that the fraternity man has many college activities show in reality that there is a larger increase than the statistics show.

The system in vogue at Nebraska is largely the product of suggestions offered by Prof. Philo M Buck, an A T. O., who is at present chairman of the inter-fraternity council of Nebraska. Professor Buck has made an extensive study of the fraternity question in the United States, and the present system is largely the result of the knowledge gained in his study.

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III—CHAPTER OBLIGATIONS.

The highest and greatest principle we, as a fraternity, inculcate is that of brotherly love, affection, sincere and true friendship. Our greatest problem, therefore, should be that of gaining that goal for which, and to which, we are ever striving to reach, the goal of reality, an ideal friendship. Yet, as we look upon this ideal as our basic principle, our fundamental problem, ever-working by creed, secret work, lecture and meeting to promote and solve it, is there not in practice still another problem that requires more of our time, care and thought, a difficulty, so to speak, that of "finance"?

Finance is a burden, indeed a heavy load, carried on the backs of a few. Please do not misunderstand me in believing that I mean the few that shoulder the payments of the whole. Such is not my interpretation, but that the few, perhaps about two, the master, a chairman of the directors, and the exchequer or treasurer, as the case may be, are the ones who figure the liabilities, write and pay the checks. It is these few who are unceasingly worrying about "the fellows who are back." Yes, those who owe one or two assessments for so many months.

Also finance is the big burden on the active's mind. He feels he should pay up immediately to help the house in buying or paying the debts, yet does he worry, does he give it much thought, will not he oftentime pay his other bills first; thus running a

great risk of not having enough left with which to balance his board bill?

In the boarding house, in all well-regulated establishments, there stands very strict, yet simple, rules concerning payments, one of which is usually the Legal Boarding House Act of Protection. Here with us it is so much different. We would not force the payment by law, though so often it would be the better thing to do, and the brothers know such will not happen and, therefore, are negligent in payments.

There are, perhaps, as many different means of collecting and enforcing these obligations as there are chapters and fraternities. There may be similarities in methods, but each chapter will have some distinct point all its own. I have seen at least four schemes tried out at Colorado during my time. All of these have been more or less weak; Colorado having had as much as eighty dollars on the books before proceedings were taken against the brother owing same. The new principles and methods now in vogue are meeting with great success. The first of these was passed at a meeting of the board of directors last spring, at which a breakage deposit fee was made compulsory. The deposit is as follows: Each member, active or pledge, must deposit with the treasurer of the board the sum of five dollars, the same to be used in payment for any repairing necessitated through breakage by him. If he breaks nothing the total sum is to be refunded at the close of the school year. It is remarkable the good this deposit has done. So far this year nothing has been broken. Each time a "rough house" is started some kind brother calls out "five dollars," then all hands immediately drop, peace reigns, and the furniture remains whole.

The second rule passed by the board at this time was in regard to brothers leaving school owing the chapter. The act as passed was: "Any brother owing any part of his assessments at the time of leaving school at the close of the school year; if not paid up in full by the first day of July shall, before taking up his abode at the house upon his return, pay all back assessments and one month in advance." Therefore, we were sure of the money upon their return and, as you see, guarded ourselves against their falling into the "month behind" class.

This last summer the new ruling concerning payment of monthly assessments was made. Such is the method. The assessment is made out, itemized and posted by the chairman of the directors on the first day of the new month. If the total assessment is paid before the night of the tenth the brother so paying receives a five per cent. discount on board alone, room and dues paid in full; otherwise the following rule is enforced as stated by the act of the directors: "Any brother owing any part of his assessment for the preceding month shall be notified on the first of the new month that such assessment is due and must be paid before the night of the fifth, otherwise such brother will be deprived of the pleasures and benefits of the house and fraternity by suspension for a period of fifty-nine days and a renewal thereof and so on until he has paid in full all back obligations and any dues incurred since his suspension."

Such, my brothers, is the new ruling at Colorado Gamma Lambda, and I am pleased in saying that it is working, and for this reason recommend it to you.

WAYNE F. IVERS,
Colorado Gamma Lambda.

IV—ADVANTAGES OF A CHAPTER MATRON.

Upon being assigned to write a paper on this subject I thought I would look through some of the back numbers of the PALM to see what might have been said about a chapter matron. I began my search with the PALMS of 1903 and looked through every issue to date and to my surprise I did not find an article upon the subject. Before setting forth any of my views as to what are the advantages of having a matron I wish to say that for the past four years in which I have been connected with Gamma Mu we have always had a matron and I do not know what life at a fraternity house would be without one. I might say further that I do not know what chapters of this province do not have matrons, nor your reasons for not having any, and so this paper may not answer any of the questions you might have upon the subject.

Now as to some of the advantages that come to my mind.

I somehow believe that we all feel that there are a good many

advantages of having a chapter matron. Her relation to a fraternity is undoubtedly similar to that of your mother to your home. Of course, I do not mean that any one could be to you as your mother in your home, but in your fraternity home she will give the place the appearance of a home and more than anything else go to make the inside atmosphere cheerful and ideal.

Turning to the business side of fraternity management is she an advantage to a bunch? Right here I might suggest that I think the desirable matron should have some good business sense. A shrewd woman can undoubtedly save a fraternity considerable money during the course of a year in buying things for the table. A woman who plans the meals is certainly the one who should do the buying. Such a matron who knows your system and is with you from year to year acts as a steering wheel to guide a newly elected steward in the management of the financial end of a fraternity.

When it comes to social functions, and I think of the situation and customs at Kansas, I conclude that a matron is practically a necessity. I do not know how often you who have no matron have your girl friends at your house or how you take care of them when they are present, but I know that at Gamma Mu we have feminine visitors every week for social events, meals, etc., and we would be lost as to how to entertain them without our matron present, not to say a thing as to whether we could induce them to accept our hospitality if we did not have a matron. Girls soon come to know and like a matron, and if she is the right woman she cannot help but reflect credit upon your chapter.

As to morals, no one would deny that the presence of a good woman will elevate the morals of any place. With a house mother present at your table at lunch and dinner the conversation and general conduct of the men cannot help but be more elevating. I believe your table manners are likely to be better also. I know it is the custom at Gamma Mu in case a freshman shows very poor manners that we make it a point to give him a seat beside our matron. In connection with the moral side of this question the fact that you have a matron is a good argument to put up to the parents who often wonder about the morals of the bunch which their son has been asked to join.

In this paper I have made a few statements about some of the most important advantages of a chapter matron—enough, I hope, however, to call forth some discussion. Finally I wish to say that I believe the best thing about having a chapter matron is that she helps to make your fraternity home, where you spend your college days, more like a real home and makes it to a great extent different from a mere boarding club.

WILLARD KING,
Kansas Gamma Mu.

V—THE CHAPTER AND THE INSTITUTION.

A chapter of a college fraternity bears a somewhat similar relation to the institution at which it is located as does the son of a family to his parents. It was the college that gave birth to the chapter; it was the college that praised its fine points and overlooked its faults in the early days; to be sure grandpa legislature stepped in occasionally and spanked the infant when he grew a little wild, but for the most part the institution supported the chapter through its youth and often through members of the faculty lent a helping hand when the chapter needed it most.

Now, however, the infant is grown. He has learned through years of experience, very bitter in some cases, that certain lines of action are detrimental to his character. He is past the stage where he looks with distrust upon the faculty and begins to see that they are always willing to meet him halfway on any matter concerning the welfare of the institution—and why shouldn't they? Is not the fraternity the best lever for concentrated action among the students? Do not the fraternities furnish dormitories for the school, and are they not great factors in persuading men to come to that particular institution? These are but a few of the dreams the faculty hoped to see realized when they aided the establishment of the various chapters.

Now we are at an age where we can co-operate with them in the accomplishment of their dreams, and in so doing strengthen the chapter mightily.

Perhaps the first thing to consider is scholarship. High scholarship is and should be the aim of every institution and there are many ways of co-operating with the faculty on this matter. At

Minnesota we have an upper classman chosen to look after each freshman and in addition to this one of the brothers on the faculty turns in a statement of their grades to the chapter between each six-week period, so we know exactly how we stand all the time. The upper class advisers make it a point to consult the professor in whose work the freshman is having a hard time and thus makes it evident that the fraternity is pulling with and not against the faculty.

Then by all means the chapter should be in a position where the faculty can and must depend upon it. A good strong chapter should have men spread all over the field of college activities, men on the college newspaper; for here is a field where the student can approach his instructor without referring to his lessons. All men have their ideas and hobbies, and many of the faculty are only too glad to have a means of airing their views, and the open-faced reporter, who sits before them and drinks it all in, is sure to create a favorable impression.

Social affairs, too, are a common meeting place between the student and faculty, and the chapter is in a position, because of its organization, to make the most of this opportunity to come into personal contact with the faculty outside of business hours.

Athletes in all lines of sport are always noted by the authorities. I remember in one of my classes two years ago of a professor asking me after class if such and such a man were not the tackle on the football team and remarking at the time what good work he was doing. Out of a class of fifty this man had come under the personal notice of his instructor merely through his athletic prowess.

In schools where student councils are in force the chapter should aim to place men upon it, because the student council is the nearest the students can get in the management of college affairs.

In short, keep the chapter before the authorities of the college so that they know that such a fraternity can be depended upon to further any project made in the welfare of the institution. The men's union at Minnesota is a result of faculty and fraternity co-operation.

Theses are the ways the chapter should strive to intrench itself with the "big guns" of the institution, but remember in the effort to exalt the chapter not to lose your tolerance for others. If

there is any fault that grandpa legislature hates to see it is snob-bishness and that is practically all he holds against us today.

Co-operation then with the authorities has been the subject of my paper and with this phase carried out to its fullest extent the fraternity chapter may justly hope to see itself a live factor in the administration of the college.

JOHN C. BETTRIDGE,
Minnesota Gamma Nu.

VI—INTER-FRATERNITY RELATIONS.

In taking up this question, the first thing that must be discussed is the amount of good that is accomplished by such organizations and the way they are looked upon by the rest of the fraternity men, whose feeling toward them is the criterion of their usefulness to the rest of the fraternities.

Inter-fraternity organizations are as a rule organized for purely social purposes, in order that fraternity life will not be confined to such a narrow path, that a man cannot see any other fraternity to see how other fraternity men do, and who usually find out to some extent how matters are carried on in each chapter. This is a benefit to the chapter that has a man in it, for he can make use of it in his own chapter. They are usually minor points in administration and are not important enough to be taken before any national pan-hellenic council for approval, and consequently would probably not reach the chapter through any other channels. It is these smaller things that are the most important in the chapter administration, for the larger ones are usually looked after by the national officers, and rules enacted to meet such situations.

These organizations tend to create a better feeling between the fraternities, for the men who belong to them are usually the strongest men in the chapter, consequently are able to bridge over the too desirous feeling which one chapter often has to knock other fraternities.

I do not believe that a pan-hellenic council could take the place of these inter-fraternity organizations, for the business air that is always prevalent around a meeting of the council makes it impossible to attend to minor details, and takes into account only those things that affect the fraternities as a whole.

The only reasonable argument that can be put forth against them in my estimation is the fact that it may take too much time away from the duties of the chapter, or might even make the member disloyal. However, most of them are local, or at least have no national rating, consequently the question of divided allegiance cannot be taken into account. It seems a great deal more reasonable to me to legislate against the fraternal orders in which the fraternal ties are known to be unusually strong, than against inter-fraternity organizations whose ties of bondage are always as weak as tissue.

This is a time when all fraternities should bind themselves together in any way they can that will give them strength, for the growing legislation against fraternities is getting stronger each year, and unless some way is found to combat this growing tendency fraternities will be a thing of the past in a few decades. It is hard enough when the combined fraternity forces have to make the fight, but if legislation is going to be passed preventing the men of different fraternities mingling together for merely social purposes, then it is evident that each man is going to see a shorter distance outside the realms of his own fraternity, and will not be able to do fraternities in general much good.

I think the chapter and the inter-fraternity organizations go together, for the man in the chapter who belongs to an organization of this kind is not so selfish and narrow-minded as the man who belongs to the chapter alone, for he is brought to see and realize the viewpoint of the other fraternity man.

In conclusion I will say that I think it is detrimental to the chapter to legislate against such organizations, and that instead of legislating against them, the chapter should encourage membership in them. If we attempt to hold the members of our fraternity to themselves, we are going to have a selfish bunch, who vote only for themselves, and I don't believe any Alpha Tau wants to see any other principles substituted for the ones we have had in effect so long.

WILBUR H. HUTSELL,

Missouri Gamma Rho.

VII—THE RELATION OF THE CHAPTER TO OTHER FRATERNITIES.

The key to a proper relation between the chapter and the other fraternities is in the friendship and co-operation of all the fraternities. Anything that makes for the common good should be adopted. The success of a business organization depends on the confidence of those outside or, in other words, the customers, and in a like manner the success of a fraternity depends on the friendship of those outside. It is evident then on the face of it that the conduct of the individuals either makes or mars the fraternity.

I know of one instance where a chapter of a certain fraternity is disliked because of the snobbish attitude of the men in the fraternity. They hardly recognize any other men about the college whether they are fraternity men or not. This is wrong because it fosters anti-Greek legislation and faculty opposition on the campus. A Greek organization cannot afford to foster opposition even though it may have on its rolls the best men in the school.

I would advise an inter-fraternity conference in every college because they furnish the best means of co-operation among the chapters of the different fraternities. Such an organization as exists at Iowa State I believe is a good one. Here we have a conference made up of two representatives from each fraternity, one man holding office for two, and one for one year, respectively. This organization has in the past year accomplished the following things:

First—The abolishing of flowers at all fraternity dances.

Second—Securing more general dances for all students.

Third—The passing of a resolution that something be done to raise sophomore scholarship.

Fourth—Providing a night when the fraternities invite other fraternity men to dinner and thus become better acquainted.

Fifth—Investigating and recommending the establishment of a college union.

Common sense is the determining factor, which decides the success of the fraternity, as in anything else, and the more the

fraternity men strive to be as like other successful men the nearer they will come to gaining success for the fraternity.

O. C. CHRISTIANSEN,
Iowa Gamma Upsilon.

VIII—THE RELATION OF UPPER CLASSMEN TO FRESHMEN.

It might be said that the first two years in college represents a period of greater growth and reconstruction than any other time during the four years. All his former habits and ideas undergo a transformation and a rearrangement. He is thrown almost entirely on his own initiative regarding his habits of study and personal conduct. Away from home and mother he is very apt to take a few of those liberties which, at home, he would not do. Many a freshman has failed to pass his examinations at the end of the first semester simply because he could not adjust himself to his new conditions and surroundings and instead turned himself loose to do those things which he would not think of doing under the watchful eye of his family.

Here is where the upper classman gets a chance to act in a fatherly capacity. The fraternity chapter takes the place of the family at home and should exert the same influence on its younger members. Where encouragement is needed the upper classman should be ready to give it, to the best of his ability, and where a little discipline or punishment is needed, he should also be ready. A little help now and then goes a long way toward clearing up little difficulties which to the freshman look like big things.

It seems to me that the upper classmen have in their hands, to a great extent, the making or the breaking of the average freshman. Usually he is just at that pliable age when a little influence exerted in the right direction does much to make a better man of him afterward, and a good example set for him by the older men is one of the simplest and most effective ways of exerting this influence. It is very often too easy for the upper classman to use a domineering authority when a little heart-to-heart talk would go a great deal farther with the freshman. Instead of bawling him out on every possible occasion and making him feel that he never will amount to anything, why not take him off to one side later on, and in a friendly way tell him that his conduct on such and such

an occasion was not what was expected of him, and explain to him what was expected of him? He will think before he does it again. However, don't understand me to say that a little force now and then is never a good thing.

Now let us take for example some young fellow just starting his college career. He is a nice fellow, popular and well liked; but his ideas of a good time have no place in them for good studying. He enters college and is pledged to a fraternity. While on probation as a pledge he does fairly good work. He passes his required number of hours and in due time is taken in as a full initiate. Now his relations to the fraternity are somewhat changed. He begins to grow lax in his studying, goes out four or five nights in the week, acquires a good reputation as a pool shark, and finally fails in his studies. Now the question is: "What is to be done for him or with him?" Surely this is a question for the upper classmen to solve and to solve before the faculty begins to take a hand in it. The Wyoming chapter, like many other chapters, has a so-called scholarship committee composed entirely of upper classmen. Every six weeks the grades of all the men are gotten from the faculty of the university. Any man having a condition or failure in any subject is at once called before the committee for an explanation. He is given one month in which to make up the work and raise his grade to, at least, a passing mark. Failing to do this he must stay in his room and study every night, except Fridays and Saturdays, from seven to eleven o'clock. The freshman who is wise usually finds a way to get out of that pool game and do a little studying, but he who is not wise suffers. There are several ways in which he can be made to suffer, but the method to be used depends upon the individual.

And now let me speak just a few moments on one or two methods used in the Wyoming chapter at present to systematize the control and responsibility of the freshmen. Beside the scholarship committee we have what we call a freshman committee composed of upper classmen which has the direct supervision of the freshmen regarding their duties about the chapter house, and it is to this freshman committee that they are held accountable. A set of rules are posted by this committee in which are set forth the duties in detail. Each freshman knows what is expected of him

and when it is expected. Failure to carry out these rules, of course, carries with it some form of punishment.

Another thing which is done is to place some one, two or three freshmen, under the direct supervision of a senior to whom they come for advice and help on any question that they care to ask. Of course, they are at perfect liberty to go to any one else for advice, but it is this senior especially who helps them in their studies and personal conduct. Every two weeks a critic is appointed by the Worthy Master to criticise the table manners. It is not known who the critic is, but he makes a written report every two weeks to the Worthy Master who reads the report at the next fraternity meeting. Since this custom has been in practice the table etiquette has greatly improved.

The relation of the upper classman to the freshman should be that of an example rather than that of a driver to whom the freshman will bow from respect more than fear. Let the upper classmen take upon themselves the responsibility of bringing up the freshmen in such a manner that they will reflect credit, not only upon themselves, but on the whole fraternity, for in the freshmen of today lies our future hope. That freshman who has had the proper training and who gets the true fraternity spirit while still a freshman will bring more to his fraternity and get more out of it, than the one who does not get that spirit until he becomes an upper classman. And he who puts the most in will always get the most out of the fraternity.

JAMES L. LAUGHLIN,
Wyoming Gamma Psi.

The Editor's Views

Another class of young men is about to secure the evidences of the completion of a course of study and will soon pass from the cloistered halls of study to the busy avenues of life. At this time, in accord with our custom, we would add to our congratulation a word by way of counsel and admonition.

Our counsel relates chiefly to that esteem with which we would have Alpha Tau Omega held in the years to come. We believe that few men are privileged to enjoy greater blessings than those which come with membership in Alpha Tau Omega. The young men who are about to pass from the portals of undergraduate life know this, because they have enjoyed its blessed privileges and because much of the pleasures and advantages of their courses have centered and revolved about their Fraternity. The Fraternity is now a very precious thing to them. The most beautiful feature of Alpha Tau Omega consists in this, that its bounty never ceases. Its keen interest in its members and its effort always to reward their loyalty by gifts of great value is constant and abiding and always and forever it strives to make itself a very real and a most vital element in the lives of its members.

But Alpha Tau Omega has no gifts for him who relegates his Fraternity to the realms of forgetfulness. It has none for him who says, "I used to be a member of Alpha Tau Omega." It has none for him who thinks of his Fraternity in terms of a pleasure past and gone. But for him to whom Alpha Tau Omega remains close in his affections, who carries out into his life the principles it has instilled, who exemplifies in his daily life the teachings it has striven to inculcate, to him shall come rich, constant, unrestricted blessings which neither tongue nor pen can adequately describe and which indeed only the heart can know, fathom and appreciate.

Young men of the class of 1916! Alpha Tau Omega is ever and anon the true *alma mater*, returning measure for measure, affection, love, loyalty, fidelity. Would you have these? Would you have in all the days to come the choice gifts of the years now ended? Would you have Alpha Tau Omega remain true and close to your side as you journey through the valley of the years? If these you desire, remain true to her and to her faith, to your vows and to your trust!

Vale 1916.



We owe a profound apology to several hundred, if not several thousand, young men who during a decade and more have, at various times, been associated with us as chapter correspondents. Following the example set by the nestor of the Greek press, William R. Baird, and followed in turn by the veriest tyro, we, too, have indulged in sprightly criticism of the epistolary efforts of the hapless young men who are chosen to forward quarterly the news of our chapters. It remained for our good and resourceful friend, Finis K. Farr, who admirably fills the editorial chair of the Kappa Sigma *Caduceus*, to come to the defense of the much-abused chapter correspondent in a manner that was both unique and convincing. The chapter letters of a recent *Caduceus* were written, not by the regularly elected undergraduate correspondent, but by an "alumnus adviser," which in Kappa Sigma lingo, is a species of *pater familias* to the chapter.

We cannot undertake to describe the emotions we experienced as we noted upon the cover of Farr's magazine the announcement, printed in red ink, that the chapter letters therein contained were written by alumni members. Surely, we opined, here are model letters. Here we thought, are letters such as Dean Clark, and William R. Baird, and Frank Rogers, and Walter B. Palmer, and Finis K. Farr would write. Immediately we determined to republish one or two as models for our own correspondents. Imagine then our chagrin when upon further investigation we found that Kappa Sigma alumni persisted in sending "greetings to our sister chapters"; that they, too, "took great pleasure in introducing the new brothers to the

Fraternity"; that they also "initiated last month the pick of the class," and performed other literary gymnastics which long ago seemed to be the exclusive role of the youthful chapter correspondents. When we finished the whole collection of alumni epistles we experienced great thankfulness of heart that Finis had volunteered the information that it was contributed by Kappa Sigma alumni. We would never have suspected.

And so, the chapter correspondent is vindicated. Kappa Sigma's undergraduates write quite as well as its alumni, and its alumni do no better than the undergraduates. Henceforth, we are strong for the chapter correspondent and never again, either in thought, word or deed, shall we be guilty of even the slightest reflection upon him.



Annually the PALM man travels five hundred and more miles to hear the Cornell chapter sing—and it's worth the trip! The Cornell chapter has many admirable qualities and not among the least of these is the splendid chorus of voices and the choice collection of songs with which its regales its visitors. Cornell is a singing chapter and perhaps much of its prosperity is due to the cheerful attitude of mind and heart, the genuine good-fellowship, and the spirit of teamwork engendered by learning to vocalize together. To the prosaic soul of the PALM man the singing of the Cornell chapter is both an inspiration and an entertainment. As long as he is able to do so he will annually, at least, journey to Ithaca to hear the good fellows of Beta Theta in their repertoire of rollicking and tuneful songs.

The recollection of a recent pleasant evening with the Cornell boys prompts the inquiry: How many chapters sing together? Worthy Grand Chief Giffin is sponsor for the statement that his own chapter sings equally as well as the Ithacians and some day we must verify this by a trip to St. Lawrence. We are told that the Simpson boys likewise are a musical crowd—Everett Olive is probably responsible for this. How many more are there? Would it not be worth while to suggest to the chapters that a little time spent around the piano of an evening, learning the

Fraternity's songs, might be an hour as well spent as at cards, games, conversation, or even books?

How many chapters have the Song Book and use it? We suspect that somehow or other the songs of the Fraternity have not become quite as popular as they should have. We rarely hear any of them. Even Cornell sings very few. Brother Giffin says that St. Lawrence sings every song in both editions of the Song Book. (Again we set down our intention of verifying the Worthy Grand Chief's boasts!) Province conclaves come and go with nary a song. The halls of Congress reverberate with the Fraternity cheer and "Uncle Bill" Smiley's oratory, but never a song, except the hastily improvised songs of the banquet board. What's the matter with the Song Book? Why don't we sing more of Hartzell's and Hare's masterpieces, or Ehle's "National Song," or Horne's stirring "De Amicitia"? The Song Book is literally filled with mighty fine melody and beautiful sentiment and the Fraternity should learn to appreciate the pleasure to be derived from it.

Which reminds us that several years ago Congress appointed a committee to publish a revised edition of the Song Book. Naturally a song book is a slow growth and the committee is wise in holding its collection of material until sufficient is accumulated to make a volume of respectable size and merit. But the Fraternity must not expect the committee to compile the book without the assistance of the brotherhood. There must be some good song writers in Alpha Tau Omega and they should exert themselves in this matter of a new song book.

Anyhow, let's emulate Cornell and *sing!* Let's sing Fraternity songs if we can, but at any rate, let's *sing!*



At one of the recent province conclaves it was suggested that the PALM might be considerably improved by the inclusion therein of more matter from the pens of undergraduates. With this view we are in hearty accord.

The PALM belongs to the whole Fraternity, to the alumni and the undergraduates alike. It is their magazine. It is theirs to be used for every proper purpose and especially as a vehicle for

the expression of any thoughts they may have of interest to the Fraternity. No one in authority has the right to reject any contribution that may be made for its pages if such contribution relates to Fraternity affairs and is otherwise "fit to print."

Moreover, it is not only the right of each alumnus and undergraduate to contribute his mite to these pages, but it is likewise his duty to do so and we have always encouraged such contributions. We invite them, and we gladly publish all that we can secure. We have published many articles, both by alumni and undergraduates, with which we did not agree either in the sentiments expressed or the form in which they were cast, yet we did not believe that we were authorized to reject them. We are authorized to edit the *PALM*, not to censor it.

We imagined that the Fraternity was well informed of this attitude. Apparently, it is not so well understood and therefore we have thought it wise to state the above and to invite most cordially the brothers generally to write out any thoughts that may clamor for expression.



Young men are frequently unable to understand the tenderness with which older men regard the ties which bind them to the Fraternity. To them it is a subject worthy of discussion as to just how an institution like Alpha Tau Omega can come to mean so much to men after the lapse of many years. They reflect that two, three and even more decades ago the Fraternity certainly did not afford to its members the many advantages, benefits and opportunities it offers to the members of today. In those days, there were no chapter houses; meetings were held in the college dormitories or in small halls about the town; paraphernalia was meagre; the bond of unity between chapters and the national organization weak and loose; opportunities for social relations with other chapters few and far between—indeed, the Fraternity as we now know it had hardly come into being. Yet, every young Alpha Tau has heard scores of the silver grey alumni say time and time again that the Fraternity has meant more to them than any other influence that has ever come into their lives. There is, for instance, Founder

Glazebrook, who has declared many times over that the best work he has ever been permitted to do was the organization of Alpha Tau Omega. When we remember that this comes from the lips of one who for many years was the most commanding divine in the State of New Jersey, the head and front of one of the oldest and most useful and most famous parishes of his church, the statement takes on a significance that makes it truly a splendid tribute. Witness also the statement of Joseph R. Anderson. Here is a man of rare talents and culture, a man of great wealth, a business man of fine capacity, a prominent figure in his community and State to whom have come unsolicited honors in great abundance. Nevertheless, fifty years after it happened, over his own signature, in a printed publication, dear old Anderson calmly declares that the finest distinction ever conferred upon him was his election to membership in Alpha Tau Omega. We might repeat a dozen more illustrations to press the point that the older men cherish an abiding affection for Alpha Tau Omega that is difficult of comprehension or explanation.

This much is certainly entirely true, that the Fraternity means so much to them because they gave so much to it. About it and its prosperity were centered their energies, their labors, their love. With fewer so-called college activities to distract their attention the Fraternity monopolized their whole sense of devotion. They gave liberally and were liberally rewarded—not, of course, by commodious houses and quarters or by the other outward material things, but by the development and growth of an inner, mystic, spiritual satisfaction that always accompanies the bestowal of the labors of love upon a worthy object.

Still, the spirit of devotion exhibited by the older men is, if possible, duplicated by that spirit frequently exhibited by those whom we delight to call "our sisters," or "our Alpha Tau girls." In the days of long ago there were girls who wore the badge of the Fraternity quite as proudly as do the girls of this generation. Many such badges represented plighted vows or, perhaps, merely an engagement for the next college or fraternity social function. Girls were then, we suspect, pretty much the same as now, and it is not at all astonishing that they should have fastened their

regard to some one fraternity of those with which they came into intimate touch. We suppose that forty or fifty years ago there must have been young ladies who were acclaimed as "A. T. O. girls" and "Beta girls" and "Phi Delt girls." (Indeed, there must have been a large number of such, for at the Congress of 1872 a committee was appointed to write and submit a degree for ladies.) But that the regard, engendered so many years ago, should be still alive is, to say the least, quite as astonishing as it is gratifying. Yet quite frequently we are brought face to face with some fine old lady to whom Alpha Tau Omega is, in a very real and vital sense, quite the most precious recollection of a memory stored with many pleasant events and emotions. Such ladies watch Alpha Tau Omega with all the affection of a loving mother. They "rush" their children, their grandchildren, their nephews, the children of their friends—aye, more, it is they who often tell the freshman that he must be "an Alpha Tau or nothing." They, quite as much as the men of their day and generation, rejoice with exceedingly great joy when the Fraternity remains true to its ideals and its traditions, and they, too, are sorry and sad when Alpha Tau Omega's fair fame is besmirched by some untoward and regrettable event. Although not of the Fraternity, they are *for* the Fraternity, and have been so for so many years that it has come to mean almost as much to them as it does to many of us.

This spirit is well exemplified by a story which Worthy Grand Chief Nathan F. Giffin is telling with wondrous effect at many functions to which he is invited. When a girl, Mrs. Rachel F. Jordan, now a resident of New York City, lived in Lexington, Virginia. There, she knew intimately the first members of old Virginia Alpha and Beta. Glazebrook, Marshall, James Dinwiddie, Van Meter, Anderson and that whole company of brilliant young men whose fame yet casts a lustre of romance about them were her friends. Her cousin was Houston Letcher, son of the Virginia's war governor, "Honest John" Letcher, the man who "spiked" Joseph Reid Anderson for the Fraternity. Though she married a member of another Fraternity, she has all during her long and happy life cherished an abiding and fervent love for Alpha Tau Omega and has frequently wished for an oppor-

tunity to show that esteem in a tangible way. That opportunity came when the Fraternity adopted a flag; for when she read of its adoption in the PALM she requested the privilege of having one made and of presenting it to the Fraternity. The flag is now complete and has been entrusted to the Worthy Grand Chief, who proudly exhibits it whenever two or three are gathered together under Fraternity auspices. It is a token of affection from one who came to know Alpha Tau Omega in its early days, and whose affection, then conceived, has never been altered or diminished. Surely, Alpha Tau Omega cannot be far wrong as long as it is able to excite and hold the affections of those on the outside for such a long span of years.

It is very easy to preach with incidents like the foregoing as a text. Yet we are not so certain that preaching is at all required. It is true that the men of a past generation do possess an attachment for the Fraternity not apparent in the men of this day. It is true that the "Alpha Tau girls" of yesteryear cling to the memory of the chapters they knew with something akin to a religious fervor. Measured by such standards our own loyalty seems merely sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. But time performs great wonders and, in the years to come, when the many activities that now engross attention shall have been laid aside and the mellowness of autumn shall have succeeded the ardor of spring and the heat of the long summer, it is quite likely that we, too, shall be able to state with earnestness and in all truth that Alpha Tau Omega has been the sweetest, the most useful, the most wholesome influence that ever came into our lives.



The able editorial writer of *Banta's Greek Exchange* says: "The fraternity will not survive merely because it is a fraternity—mark that." He calls on Greeks generally to throw out all "bluff, bunk and foolishness." If we rightly understand him he would have us do something we have not already done, or change the course and direction of that which we are doing.

At the risk of being set down as a hopeless reactionary we claim the privilege of the floor to suggest that the thought of our

contemporary receives nowadays an emphasis wholly undeserved. It is only too true that the Greek-letter college fraternity system must constantly adjust itself to new conditions as they arise from time to time, but we respectfully submit that there are no conditions, new or otherwise, which require it to offer more now than it has offered in the past, to wit, an atmosphere congenial for the creation and development of the spirit of fraternity.

Fraternity is an end in itself; an ideal worthy of realization; an object for the attainment of which men and women may well dedicate their thoughts, their energies and their aspirations. If a college fraternity can and does inculcate in its members the spirit of true fraternity so that that spirit is exemplified in their lives it has fully performed its mission. It has nothing to do beyond that. It has all it can do to accomplish that much.

Social service, settlement work, charities, clamor for attention and have indeed already secured the aid and assistance of some sororities. Even the fraternities are casting a longing eye to these fields of endeavor. The Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* recently called upon that fraternity to find some useful and commendable work on the outside of the range of its normal functions. But has it ever occurred to the sororities and to those who are tempted to follow their example that such work can be accomplished by the individual members who are indeed equipped for precisely that kind of service because of the training the organizations in question have afforded?

Why diffuse the power of the fraternity? Why alter the course of its destiny? Why should it engage in charities, however commendable they may be? Has it not performed its full duty when it has inspired men to love men? Must it go further and force its members to do good works? Is it not altogether true that when a fraternity has raised up a body of men who are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of fraternity it has accomplished all that it set out to do and has in that accomplished an end so worthy that the individual may be safely left to the tasks of love and charity and fraternity?

The fraternities have a very definite, well-bounded, concrete aim. They were founded by men who felt the need of more fraternity. They have consistently followed that object. They

have brought forth bodies of men who, by precept and example, have been taught the doctrine of fraternity. What more can be done? What more should be done? Who can say that all this has been idle, or that it is bunk, or junk, or foolishness. What more can be done by Delta Tau Delta—to illustrate by an example that is readily recalled—than to inspire young men as it did that intrepid young hero who gave up his life in the Chicago theatre holocaust of several years ago and with his last breath paid eloquent tribute to his fraternity and its teachings? “Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend.”

The truth is, that entirely too many of our best fraternity people are seeing the fraternities through the glasses of their enemies and are magnifying their faults without regard for their many merits. It is time that the note of pessimism were stilled and that we realize that the fraternities have in the past fully vindicated their right to continued existence and that there are no conditions that require them to depart in any degree from the path they set out to pursue. Indeed, if the fraternities do in the future what they have so well done in the past they may be *merely* fraternities, but they will survive, because they are and have been fit to survive—mark that!



The printed minutes of several recent province conclaves have come to our desk and we note with extreme gratification the intelligent interest manifested by our undergraduates in the grave problems confronting the Fraternity. There was a time, not so very remote, when our larger questions were discussed only by alumni and the decision formulated by them was usually ratified by the active members without further consideration. While it is desirable that the alumni should always be keenly alive to the needs of the Fraternity, it is quite as important that the undergraduate should be fully aware of the conditions requiring action. They should be encouraged to study the Fraternity with the end in view of constantly improving it. The discussions of the conclaves prove that they are already doing this in a degree that calls for the highest praise. We can readily under-

stand now the splendid exhibition of intimate knowledge of the Fraternity manifested by the delegates to the Nashville Congress—an exhibition that excited the admiration of every alumnus—for they had been trained in their several province conclaves to do exactly that very thing. More and more the conviction grows that the province system is our strongest bulwark. It will be an evil day when it is materially altered.

The Greeks

GROWTH OF THE GREEKS.

New chapters of men's general fraternities are announced as follows:

Acacia—Texas.

$\Delta \Sigma \Phi$ —California, Franklin and Marshall, North Carolina Agricultural, St. Louis, Southern Methodist, Tulane.

$\Delta \Upsilon$ —Indiana.

ΘX —Richmond.

ΘE —Ames.

K A (So.)—Southern Methodist.

K Σ —Arizona.

$\Pi K A$ —Western Reserve (died at Georgia).

$\Pi K \Phi$ —Nebraska.

$\Sigma \Phi E$ —Ohio Wesleyan, Colorado Agricultural, Penn State.

T K E—Ames.

Sororities announce the following new chapters:

A X Ω —Oklahoma, Ohio.

A $\Delta \Pi$ —Southern Methodist.

A $E \Delta$ —Albion, Kansas, Ohio.

$\Gamma \Phi B$ —Kansas, Colorado Agricultural.

$\Delta \Delta \Delta$ —Oregon Agricultural, Southern Methodist, Florida, Pittsburgh.

$\Delta \Gamma$ —Lawrence.

ΔZ —Pittsburgh, Cincinnati.

Z T A—Pittsburgh, Southern Methodist, Alabama.

K K Γ —Idaho, St. Lawrence.

$\Pi B \Phi$ —Oregon, Nevada.

ΦM —Southern Methodist.

X Ω —Kansas Agricultural.

New chapters of professional and honorary fraternities:

Φ A T—Michigan, Oklahoma.

Σ Υ—Montana.

Θ Σ Φ—Montana.

Φ B K—Vermont.

Φ Δ X—Pennsylvania.

It has been a busy season in real estate, as the following list of new houses will attest:

A X P—Syracuse.

A Σ Φ—Wisconsin.

B Θ Π—Ohio Wesleyan, Nebraska.

Δ Δ Δ—California, Brennan, Cincinnati, St. Lawrence.

Δ K E—Miami.

Δ X—Minnesota.

Δ T Δ—Wesleyan, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Missouri.

Θ Δ X—Virginia.

K Σ—Syracuse, Bucknell, Oklahoma, Alabama Polytechnic.

Λ X A—Purdue.

K Δ—Denver.

Π B Φ—Kansas, Michigan, Missouri.

Σ A E—Mt. Union, Davidson, Kansas State, Northwestern.

Σ N—Missouri, Northwestern, Miami.

Σ Φ—Purdue.

Σ X—Minnesota.

Φ K Ψ—Case, Cornell, Iowa.

Φ Δ Θ—Ames, Tulane.

Φ B Π—Iowa.

Φ Γ Δ—Pennsylvania, Bucknell.

Φ A Δ—Michigan.

X Ω—Washington.

X Ψ—Michigan.

On the other hand, an unusual number of houses have been destroyed or damaged by fire:

K Σ—Alabama Polytechnic, California.

Σ Φ—Hamilton.

Σ Φ E—Purdue.

B Θ Π—Oklahoma.

CLIPPINGS AND COMMENT.

Mrs. James Newton Baxter, a graduate of a non-fraternity college, answers the question, "Is the Non-fraternity College Democratic?" in the last issue of *Banta's Greek Exchange*. She says it isn't.

Collier's Weekly recently threw a spasm of joy over the glad tidings that Z Ψ had officially abolished booze as a feature of fraternity functions. *Collier's* seemed to think that this was something novel, unique and highly revolutionary. All of which goes to show why fraternities sometimes complain that the chief obstacle they have to overcome is popular ignorance. *Collier's* is a "popular" magazine.

Those who have read "The Fraternity and the College" by Dean Clark, as well as those who give themselves that pleasure in the future, will be pleased to know that the author has in mind another or perhaps other works of a like nature. In the meantime timely and thoughtful articles from his pen continue to appear in college and fraternity publications, and among the most recent is "Photoplays and Vaudeville" in the March issue of *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

William C. Levere, Secretary of the College Fraternity Reference Bureau, offers a prize of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the best two hundred word history of a college fraternity or sorority. The Bureau has so many inquiries concerning the history of the various Greek societies, that Mr. Levere has decided on this plan as the most interesting way of securing a brief history which will be concise, condensed and still full of information. The contest is open to all Greeks and aside from the prize, each fraternity member should be eager to see that his or her society has a well written record filed at the Bureau, as it will be used many times to furnish required information. The only requirements are that the history of the fraternity must be kept within two hundred words and it must be typewritten. Send all entries to William C. Levere, Secretary of the College Fraternity Reference Bureau, Box 254, Evanston, Illinois.

Some of the sisters are again agitating the question of whether

a sorority is a sorority or a fraternity. Far be it from us to mix in where angels are doing the treading, but perhaps we may mildly suggest that a sorority is a sorority, because—as Eve said to Adam—that’s what it is. Now understand us, girls, we have not the slightest objection, to your calling it a fraternity. Help yourselves. You can have anything we have if you want it. You have our poor permission to call your beautiful frocks “trousers” if you please. But, honest, what’s the use?

It is always interesting to the “ways and means committee” to know how the other fellow does it. Here is a statement of how one fraternity raised the funds for a recent convention at San Francisco.

RECEIPTS.

San Francisco Alumni Association.....	\$ 3,939.42
Los Angeles Alumni Association.....	647.00
Northwest Alumni.....	298.65
Stanford and California Active Chapters.....	347.85
Interest and Banquet.....	227.69
Total receipts.....	\$ 5,460.61



THE GREEK PRESS.

The *Crescent* of $\Gamma \Phi B$ has fallen for that gladsome springtide stuff and the last issue is so saturated with song that you can play it on your Victrola. Even the leading editorial is rhymed and skips along upon carefully cadenced feet. We don’t know whether it is rhomboid hexameter, or what, but anyhow it is regular poetry just like you see in the books.

The Young Women’s Christian Association desiring to bring its activities before college girls as a part of the fiftieth anniversary celebration in 1916, gave each of the sorority magazines the choice of four prepared articles covering the work of the association. As a result practically the entire issue of each magazine was devoted to this organization. Apparently instead of taking their choice of the four articles they printed them all.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* has one hundred and fifty life sub-

scribers at twenty-five dollars each. The plan has been in operation but a few months and is declared to be a success.

The Quill of $\Sigma \Delta X$, describing itself as "a journalist's journal," kicks off with the following:

Like an impoverished parent, blushing sending forth a timorous, half-clad and bepatched child to take its place among its fellows, the editor dispatches his first issue of *The Quill* through the mails and awaits the verbal flagellation of a scandalized public.

This is the program mapped out for himself by the new editor of the *K A Journal*:

The Masses, Brann's *Iconoclast*, *The Call*, *The Scimitar* and *Harper's Weekly* will have nothing to compare with some of the stuff we are going to print presently. The past will be laid bare and the cold facts revealed. The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in heavy black type will come out at last. The syrup pitcher is all right in its place, but the tabasco has its uses. Get in good and get right. Send in your dollar for *The Journal* for four red-hot issues. We have the "dope," the data and the goods, but a simoleon will put you into the immunity tub.

We have never yet been able to devise a plan which would insure 100 per cent. efficiency in the matter of chapter letters, but we do believe that for the most part the record usually has been better in that respect than is shown by the current number. We bequeath this problem to our successor in the hope that he may be able to work it out in an entirely satisfactory manner.— *ΣX Quarterly*.

Lots of people go to a clairvoyant to get their minds read when they should consult an osteopath.—*Don Marquis*.

Has not about every fraternity officer at some time felt that he would like to send a whole chapter to an osteopath as a last resort, with the hope that he might possibly get some hint as to the ideas inspiring some particularly fool caper cut by the chapter.

Some months ago the fraternities in a certain college were being beset by an organized opposition that promised their serious injury, if not their extinction. Yet in the midst of that war, one chapter, with an intelligence peculiarly osseous, took occasion to get into an infantile row with the rest of the chapters in the college, and, gathering its dishes up, went home in a huff. In other words, it loftily withdrew from the local inter-fraternity conference. We strongly suspect that the seat of intelligence of the seceding group would assay one hundred per cent. bone.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

What constitutes a weak chapter? It is wholly possible for a chapter to have a large membership, to have captains, managers and prize winners

its rolls, to have an expensive house and many distinguished graduates, and yet to be a weak chapter. On the other hand, it is possible for a chapter to have a small membership, no undergraduate leaders, an inexpensive house and no famous alumni, and yet be a strong chapter. For the strength of a fraternity group lies most of all in the spirit of brotherhood that prevails among its members. Where there is the fellowship of loyal hearts and kindred interests there is the only kind of strength that makes fraternity life worth while. Where there is dissension, snobbishness, uncharitableness, nagging, uncongenial tastes, or the display of any unbrotherly qualities there is the weakness that makes any chapter an injury to its college and a reproach to its fraternity.—*Δ K E Quarterly*.

There can be no real brotherhood in a chapter of forty men, although there may be in three or four groups within its membership. Some of the more serious and far-sighted of the brothers have viewed with apprehension the increase in the size of individual chapters in recent years. Six men in any delegation from a class would seem on the whole to form an ideal chapter. And it would if they would stay in college. But one-half, nay, more than one-half, do not. Suppose such a delegation drops two men in its sophomore year, two in its junior year and one in its senior year, then there is but one senior left, and if a succeeding delegation meets the same fate, the chapter consists of three upper classmen and ten lower classmen, and in many colleges where six would be a fair number of freshmen to take out of a class, a chapter of thirteen would be relatively weak.

This particular mischief could readily be remedied if when the chapter lost a man or men it would fill up its ranks from his class, but as we stated editorially last month, more than one chapter has a foolish prejudice against admitting any one but a freshman. Care in selection would also assist to solve the problem of a small delegation, because if the men selected remained in college until they graduated the mischief referred to would vanish. But care cannot be exercised in the rush of a campaign, which is a wild scramble for men. The remedy of course is in the postponement of the pledging date to a time which will permit of care being exercised.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The true value of the fraternity, the fraternity life and the associations formed in the college fraternity are not appreciated to the fullest extent until the fraternity man becomes a graduate of his college or university and has an opportunity to contrast the ways of the world with the ways of the collection of men with whom he lives and whom he terms fraternity brothers.

There is a sort of indefinable something which clings to the very rafters of the chapter house, which penetrates the inner secrecy of the meeting hall, which is rampant in the corridors of the rooms—it is fraternity spirit, of essence, the same as college spirit, of material likable to ass spirit, but far more enduring than either of these.

A turning of mind to the college and to the fraternity when in the midst of business cares or daily duties will do much to cheer the life of the graduate. A laugh at a prank of bygone days, a recollection of dynamite resting on the stove while the brothers smoked, the remembrance of some of the boys dynamiting cars and still others invading their home town in spring with their suitcases laden with skates, razors, bricks and the like or even a serious consideration whereby we can appreciate the true value of the college and the fraternity, will do much to make the college graduate a better man.—*θ X Ratller.*



SEEING THE LIGHT.

Regarding the re-establishment of the fraternity system at Wofford, Mr. Thomas Carlisle Montgomery (K A, So.) writes in *Banta's Greek Exchange* for March:

Fraternities first came to Wofford in 1869 when *K A* instituted a chapter. *X Ψ* followed the same year, *X Φ* in 1871, *Σ A E* in 1885, *Π K A* in 1891 and *K Σ* in 1894. In addition *Φ Δ θ* had a chapter from 1879 to 1884 and *A T Ω* from 1871 to 1897. In the early days of fraternities at Wofford, the college was very small, there being only about one hundred students. Today, however, there are three hundred and the college is ranked educationally in the next class below Harvard, Yale, Princeton and other institutions of the first class, the only other college in the two Carolinas of the same rank being the University of North Carolina. It does straight college work with no graduate departments, conferring only the degrees of A. B. and A. M. It is the Methodist college of South Carolina and draws its students principally from the state of its domicile.

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The authorities have restored fraternities only after mature deliberation and that they are back at Wofford for good. Therefore, in considering the institution of a chapter, no fraternity need fear that the present state of affairs is experimental, but may feel assured that fraternities at Wofford are now a permanent institution.

The question of admitting fraternities to Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, will be voted on in June. The local fraternities there now are not well controlled, and it is urged that national fraternities will control their chapters, and it is rumored that fraternities will be readmitted. At present Wofford and the College of Charleston are the only two colleges allowing fraternities in the whole State of South Carolina.—*Banta's Greek Exchange.*

THANKS FOR THESE KIND WORDS.

Why should I write about Fraternities? I presume it is your belief that I regard them as worthy institutions—worthy of membership of college students. Let's accept that as my answer, and permit me to add that through all the years of my life since leaving college, despite everything that has been said and written against Greek-letter societies, I hold the opinion that they are a valuable and splendid part of American Collegiate educational system.

Fraternities began in our colleges. Preparatory schools, academies and high schools should not have such organizations. Lads frequenting the low training schools do not grasp the real idea of the fraternity. It is in college that one finds the fraternity in its original form doing its own particular work. What is that work? Moulding together a variety of characters into a composite, which reflects the best of separate individuals.

It was in my fraternity that I found congenial, lovable companions, cherishing all sorts of ideals, yet trusting one another—all working toward some lofty end, encouraging, uplifting one another—unconsciously moulding one another into a passable product—intellectually, morally, spiritually. The influences of the fraternity are with me today, they have been among the best influences that I have experienced.

It may be that fraternities have undergone some changes since my active days, but their fundamentals abide—striving toward the best in everything—brotherly trust and confidence—sincere moral uplift—realization of the brotherhood of man—training of mind and heart, that in the end the soul may bloom in immortal green.—EDGAR FAHS SMITH, Provost, University of Pennsylvania, in *Red and Blue*.



SCHOLARSHIP.

Sorority women outrank non-sorority women in scholarship at Kansas and Wisconsin, while the exact reverse is true of Greek and Barb among men at these institutions. Fraternity men are below grade at Brown also, according to figures recently published, but the authorities at M. I. T. announce that after an investigation extending over a number of years they can find nothing to choose as between the "ins" and the "outs" in the matter of scholarship. At the University of Washington the fraternity men average higher grades than those who are not affiliated.

The University of Texas has gone further in limiting fraternity membership than has any other institution that has not actually prohibited

them. Some time ago it prohibited the initiation of freshmen, and more recently the faculty made the following rule:

No chapter of any fraternity, sorority or like social organization shall initiate any person to membership unless the average in scholarship of such chapter, both as to amount of work passed and grade made, shall be slightly above the average of the university, excluding those courses officially listed as open to freshmen.

The grades made by the twenty-four fraternities and sororities last year, published in the *Daily Texan*, September 26, 1915, were as follows. The university average was 5.78. The sororities are indicated by asterisks:

$B \theta \Pi$	6.74	$\Delta \Delta \Delta^*$	6.05	$\Delta \Delta \Pi^*$	5.75	$K \Sigma$	5.14
$\Sigma A E$	6.48	ΔX	6.04	$\emptyset K \Psi$	5.72	$A T Q$	5.10
$\Delta T \Delta$	6.35	$\Delta K E$	5.99	$K A \theta^*$	5.59	$K K \Gamma^*$	5.08
$\emptyset \Delta \theta$	6.35	$X Q^*$	5.96	$\emptyset M^*$	5.52	$\Delta \Sigma \emptyset$	5.05
ΣX	6.23	$Z T A^*$	5.94	θE	5.37	$K A (s.)$	5.05
ΣN	6.15	$\Pi B \emptyset^*$	5.87	$\emptyset \Gamma \Delta$	5.19	$X \emptyset$	5.00

Just half of the fraternities and sororities fell below the average university grade. Consequently these twelve fraternities are not allowed to initiate any one this year.

In many institutions where comparative grades have been published the sororities have ranked higher than the fraternities, but the grades at the University of Texas show that the men can equal the women if they seriously get down to study.— $\emptyset \Delta \theta$ Scroll.



MAKING HISTORY.

In $\Delta \Gamma$ circles there has long been cherished a favorite bit of fiction to the effect that its Bowdoin chapter was killed by the Civil War. Not long ago the $\Delta \Gamma$ *Quarterly* made eloquent editorial reference to this supposed fate of the chapter; perhaps the delusion is honestly held by many, and no doubt it is harmless enough, but it is a distortion of the historical truth that a little examination into the Bowdoin record easily sets straight. The war had no more to do with the demise of the Bowdoin chapter of $\Delta \Gamma$ than it had to do with its establishment. It came into being in 1857, as the result of an attack on the secrecy with which the five existing fraternities covered their proceedings. As the outcome of the agitation several members of $\Delta \Delta \emptyset$ and $\Psi \Gamma$ resigned from those fraternities. No member withdrew from $\Delta K E$, $X \Psi$ or $\theta \Delta X$.

Several of the Alpha Deltas who resigned, with two or three other students, formed an anti-secret society organization and called it $\Delta \Gamma$. Its life was very brief and uneventful. The college barely knew of its existence before it ceased to exist. In 1857 and 1858 about a score of under classmen affiliated with it. The last of these was "initiated" at

least two years before the war broke out. Several of these members served with credit in the Union army, but without exception they were graduates, and not undergraduates, when they enlisted. Whatever caused the life of the first ΔY chapter at Bowdoin to be so short, the war could hardly have been a contributing factor. A third of a century later ΔY was established at Bowdoin and has since prospered there. It may be noted in passing that at least two of the men who resigned from $\Delta\Delta\Phi$ and helped to establish the short-lived chapter of ΔY attempted, many years later, to gain reinstatement as members of $\Delta\Delta\Phi$, but the chapter refused to welcome them back.—*\Delta K E Quarterly*.

One of the most prominent fraternity men in the United States, not a Phi, has called my attention to an article published in the *Journal of Southern K A*. This article, which appeared in the issue for October, 1915, was written by Messrs. Montague Lyon and Vernon Parkinson, of the Washington University chapter of *K A*, and expressed their "joint impressions" upon witnessing the screen drama, *The Birth of a Nation*, adapted from *The Clansman*, a novel by Thomas Dixon, *K A*. The prominent Greek wrote to me that this article indicated that it would soon become a *K A* tradition that *K A* was the inner circle of the Ku Klux Klan, and that before long *K A* would claim that most of the Confederate generals were members of *K A* by virtue of their membership in the K. K. K. From this article the following is quoted:

"In the fall of 1865 a small group of the followers of Lee returned to Washington and Lee University, then Washington College, of which Robert E. Lee was president. There they founded an order based upon the idea of cherishing and perpetuating those manners and customs and ideals of character and achievement distinctive of their people and section. This was the beginning of the *K A* order, and General Lee, as head of the institution where it first came into being, became the patron saint of the order. And his personality helped to give it that stamp and character which have since connected the name of *K A* with all that is best of Southern chivalry and tradition.

"The Ku Klux Klan came and grew and served its purpose and was gone. The *K A* order came and grew until it embraced all the Southland, and still it grows more and more powerful and still it serves and cherishes those same ideals which the klan came forward to preserve.

"The actions and the memberships of the klan are shrouded in mystery. No histories tell and no historians know who first conceived the idea or carried it out, or who comprised the inner circle that directed its actions and policies and caused it to disband when those policies were completed and its work was done.

"But its members wore upon their breast the circled cross of the *K A* order. And the klan served by militant warlike means, those same ideals which our order was organized to cherish. It served as the armed hand of which some other smaller band, the inner circle, was the thinking brain

and the feeling heart. And in its secret ritual, in the solemn oaths by which its members bound themselves to the reverence for and protection of woman—in all these things there is a hint of that ritual which each of us holds dear and those oaths which we have solemnly sworn.

"The K. K. K. has gone the way of many another institution which has served its purpose and passed. But the inner circle still lives and still cherishes those same ideals."

This article does seem to be an attempt to couple closely *K A* with the inner circle of the K. K. K. Several historical articles of the K. K. K. have been published, none of them mentioning any connection with *K A*. The prominent Greek called my attention to this article because he knew that I had once written a historical sketch of K. K. K. I wrote the sketch twenty-five years ago, and it was published in the Sunday edition of the Nashville *Herald*—probably in two successive Sunday issues of that paper during the spring or summer of 1891.

The facts for this sketch were obtained from three or four founders of the K. K. K., all then living in Nashville, though all had been residents of Pulaski, Tennessee. The K. K. K. was founded at Pulaski in 1867 by them and others, all Confederate veterans. Their object at first was not serious; they intended to have some fun by initiating acquaintances with hazing methods. Afterward they decided to use the organization for the purpose of frightening the negroes, who during the reconstruction era became unbearably insolent. Their plan worked well, and was extended to other localities, until it finally covered a large portion of the South.

The K. K. K. as finally developed was a powerful organization, and many former officers in the Confederate army belonged to it. There was an organization for the whole South, of which General Nathan Bedford Forrest was Grand Wizard. There was an organization for each Southern state, for each county, and for each subdivision of the county. There was a constitution printed in pamphlet form, and I reproduced it in the *Herald*, together with a cut of the flag of K. K. K., a triangular banner bearing a dragon. The constitution had Latin sentences across the tops of the pages, as running heads. The pamphlet was printed in the office of the Pulaski *Citizen*. I well remember that one of the founders living in Nashville refused to tell me anything about the organization of the K. K. K., although I told him I had the constitution of the klan and that I knew it had been printed in his own printing office. He was curious to know where I had learned so much about the klan. He said that, though the K. K. K. had been dead for many years, he considered his oath of secrecy to be still binding.

K A was founded in Virginia in 1865, the K. K. K. in Tennessee in 1867. *K A* had no second chapter until 1868, when it entered Virginia Military Institute and the University of Georgia. None of the founders of the K. K. K. that I knew in Nashville were members of *K A*. General Forrest, who was the head of the K. K. K., was a military genius, but

quite an illiterate man. No doubt some members of *K A* belonged to the K. K. K., as many young men of good families and many prominent older men belonged to it, but the members of *K A* were hardly old enough to have been among the leaders of the K. K. K. It is quite likely that each of several fraternities that had chapters in Southern colleges had as many members in the K. K. K. as did *K A*. At a convention of the klan held in Nashville in 1871 or 1872, the organization disbanded. This action was taken because under the cloak of the K. K. K. many crimes were committed for purposes of private vengeance or which the leaders of the klan did not wish it to be held responsible.—Walter B. Palmer, in *Φ Α Θ Scroll*.

Let us note in passing that *A T Ω* had eight chapters in the spring of 1867 and *four of them were in Tennessee*. It has never been questioned that K. K. K. drew largely from the college fraternities in framing its original organization, but the true history of the matter will never be fully known. Those familiar with the ceremonies, and more particularly *the costumes* used by *A T Ω* from 1865 to 1878, cannot fail to draw certain obvious conclusions.

From a personal correspondence between Leroy S. Boyd, of *K A* (So.,) and Boutwell Dunlap, of *K Σ*, the *Caduceus* of *K Σ* prints some interesting fraternity history. We reproduce extracts of general interest.

For three solid years I have done nothing but look into the history of the old dead Southern *K A* Fraternity. It had at least fifteen chapters. I find it at the University of Alabama as early as 1848. Its secrets were disclosed or stolen and scattered in about 1857 or 1858, and this caused the fraternity gradually to disband.

The old *K A* chapter at the University of Mississippi went into *X Ψ* in the fall of 1858.

The old *K A* chapter at Centenary College of Louisiana accepted a charter from *Δ K E* in January, 1858.

The old *K A* chapter at Emory and Henry College, Virginia, went into *Φ M O*, which itself went into *K Σ* in 1878.

Other chapters of this old *K A* were at the University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, Wofford College, Furman University, Union University (then at Murfreesboro, Tennessee), Howard College (Alabama), and the University of Alabama.

Baird's Manual says this fraternity was founded at the University of North Carolina in 1859. I am sure he is wrong, unless there was a re-organization after the exposure of secrets. But I feel that Baird is totally wrong. My opinion is that the *Φ M O* of which Baird speaks was founded about 1858 on the ruins of this old *K A*. I have a badge of the *Φ M O*, a cut of which was printed in a copy of your *Caduceus* last spring

(p. 808, June, 1915). It bears the date of 1812 on reverse, which I am inclined to believe is the date of the organization of the old *K A*. John De Witt Warner, the historian of *A K E*, believes that this old Southern *K A* is as old as *Φ B K*, and that it was organized at Princeton or William and Mary College. Warner has found many traces of *K A* in the South before the Civil War, especially in South Carolina. The meaning of the letters *K A* was *kuklos adelphon*, circle of brothers, which is obvious to any Greek student.

I have secured some facts of interest from living members of this old *K A*, and expect to have its badge (or one of them) in my hands this week—the diamond-shaped badge. Some members say the badge was a crescent. Possibly the badge was changed after the exposure of secrets, but I think not.

Doctor Fulton, former president of the University of Mississippi, wrote me that in 1873 or 1874 he found the old seal of the old *K A* on the campus of the University of Mississippi and kept it in his physics laboratory, and that it was there when he gave up that chair in 1894. I have inquired at the University of Mississippi for it and it cannot be found.

Doctor Fulton says the seal was an equilateral triangle, with the letters *K A* and an eye on it, something like the drawing you sent me. (Brother Dunlap's discovery of a description of the badge stated it was an equilateral triangle, in the center of which were the letters *K A*, and above which in the angle of the triangle was a star.)—*A T A Rainbow*.



THEY DON'T LIKE IT.

The formation at Washington of an Intercollegiate Sunday School fraternity, yclept *Φ M Σ*, would hardly be worth mentioning but for the testimony which it bears on the one hand to the solid worth of the Greek fraternity principle, and on the other to its extension into the most incongruous fields. It is only a matter of time before we have a plumbers' fraternity, an orphans' fraternity, and a fraternity of those insured in the Prudential Life Insurance Co. Meanwhile the fact that those who seek stronger friendships and richer brotherhood should turn instinctively to Greek letters as the outward sign and symbol of these things is a striking tribute to the Greek-letter fraternities of the past. It may fervently be hoped that the sincere flattery of such societies does not increase to a point when Greek letters shall become a nuisance, and when the mental and spiritual poverty of a host of imitations shall blind men's minds to the splendid significance of the Greek ideal, so that by sweeping away the false they destroy the true.—*A X P Garnet and White*.

If anti-fraternity prejudice is augmented by spurious organizations assuming the name, may it not become expedient to break away from

an apparent community of interest with those for whom "fraternity" is not a designation, but a mask? Imitation is a compliment one cannot forever endure. We are even doubtful of the good faith of the imitation in some cases where it smacks of effrontery. If *fraternity* is no more to connote the educated gentlemen than *sergeant* now suggests such leaders of the bar as once were proud of that title, why longer adhere to the word? Had the "Franciscans" of Medmenham Abbey ever less to do with the clergy than T. N. E. or $\Phi M \Sigma$ have in common with us? $\Phi M \Sigma$ is a Sunday School fraternity; "to secure a charter, a petition signed by ten bona fide Sunday scholars (*sic*) above the age of sixteen years should be addressed to the Supreme Master (*blasphemous?*) Clifton P. Clark, M. D."

We could suffer T. N. E.; we might smile upon the feminist movement with its Pot-and-Panhellenic; we must deprecate the high school frat; but from a fraternity of Sunday "scholars" above the age of sixteen years, good Lord deliver us! *Fraternity* has become *frat*; as crusader has become crank; is a Greek name not a handicap at least?— $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ Brief.



GREEK GOSSIP.

$\Psi \Upsilon$ will be the first chapter to build a house at Chicago.

Out of 400 students at Bowdoin 340 are fraternity men.

$\Sigma \Lambda \Xi$ celebrated its sixtieth anniversary in March.

$\Sigma \Nu$, at its last convention in Denver, initiated Governor Carlson, of Colorado.

It's nice to know about these things.

There is said to be a movement under way to revive the chapter of either $\Delta T \Omega$ or $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ at Marietta College.— $\Phi K \Psi$ Shield.

$\Delta \Upsilon$ has adopted standard china and silver tableware which may be procured through the national fraternity officers.

ΣX has plans under way for an endowment fund. They have appointed a trust company trustee to receive the funds which it is expected will be received from legacies to be written into the wills of members.

The following regulations as to the use of the badge are promulgated by $\Delta T \Delta$:

1. All badges must be purchased through the Central Office.
2. No undergraduate may wear any except the *Official, Standard, Plain Gold Badge*.

3. No member may lend, sell or give a badge to any one not a member of the fraternity, except his *mother, wife or sister*.

The sister pin may be worn by any female relative or the fiancée of a member.

The fraternities at the University of Washington have adopted an interesting plan to win the approval and good will of the newspapers of the State. One of the most popular courses at Washington is the department of journalism which is headed by Dean Frank Kane, who is one of the best known teachers of journalism in the country. He has instituted an annual Washington Newspaper Institute which meets for three (3) days every year and the newspaper editors from all over the State attend it. Recently the fourth annual institute was held and the fraternities invited the editors to be their guests throughout the convention. The editors had a great time and when they returned to their homes, they had a lot of first-hand knowledge about college fraternities. They had had an opportunity to see the societies at close range and to see that the fraternities were making college homes for their members, that the upper classmen were looking after the scholarship, comfort and morals of the younger men and that the atmosphere of a fraternity house is wholesome. The fraternities made a lot of friends through the unusual opportunity.—*Reference Bureau News Bulletin*.

The new edition of *Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities* states that the $\Delta\Delta\Phi$ clubhouse and furnishings in New York City represent an investment of \$300,000, and says that $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$, $\Delta T\Delta$, $B\theta\Pi$ and $K\Sigma$ also have clubs occupying houses, and $\theta\Delta X$, ΨY and $Z\Psi$ have club rooms in the metropolis. Early in December the Dekes got together in New York and formed plans for the erection of a \$250,000 building to be used as a city club and a national headquarters for $\Delta K E$.— $\Phi\Delta\theta$ *Scroll*.

At the seventeenth general convention of the $\Phi\Sigma K$ Fraternity, held in Albany, New York, on October 15, 1914, it was ordered that "to establish a sinking fund for the support of a permanent paid secretary, the following amendment to the Constitution be adopted:

"Each brother in active membership on March 1st of each year, shall pay a sum of five dollars into a sinking fund until the income therefrom be sufficient to compensate a paid secretary."— ΔY *Quarterly*.

$\Phi\Delta\theta$ has recently adopted the alumnus adviser system. According to the *Scroll*, $K\Sigma$ was the first to adopt this plan. Other fraternities using the system, besides $\Phi K\Psi$, are $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ and ΔX .—*Shield of $\Phi K\Psi$* .

The executive council of $\Phi K\Psi$ has subscribed to *Banta's Greek Exchange* for each chapter—a good example for other fraternities to follow.— $\Phi\Delta\theta$ *Scroll*.

$\Pi K A$ has recently published an 800-page register, containing historical

data and a catalogue of the membership. It sells at three dollars.—*Φ K Ψ Shield*.

At the last convention of *Δ X*, the regular annual tax on each member was raised from five to ten dollars in order to provide at once for a traveling secretary and for a sinking fund.—*Δ X P Garnet and White*.

Through the aid of the national fraternity, a founders' memorial hall has been erected for the Alpha chapter of *Π K Α* at the University of Virginia.

Π K Α offers a cup to the chapter maintaining the highest average scholarship for a year.—*Shield of Φ K Ψ*.

The *Beta Theta Pi* advertises a phonograph record of three Beta songs sung by the Yale University Quartet. The phonograph has been used before to preserve the voice of a founder of one of the fraternities—Beta again, if our memory is accurate.—*Σ X Quarterly*.

Δ P X, the only national architectural fraternity, was founded in 1914 by the union of two local societies at Michigan and Illinois. The first convention was held at Champaign during Christmas week.—*Δ X P Garnet and White*.

B Φ is a new fraternity with chapters in Chicago, Illinois, Northwestern and the Armour Institute.—*Δ X P Garnet and White*.

Δ K E probably leads the list in the number of college presidents. It has twenty-two.—*Δ Σ Φ Tomahawk*.

Two chapters of *K Α (S)* occupy the same house. They are the chapters at Kentucky and Transylvania Universities which are both at Lexington, Kentucky.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.



COLLEGE NOTES.

Ohio University at Athens is the oldest institution of its kind west of the Alleghenies. It celebrated its hundredth year in June.

Two hundred and sixteen thousand students attended colleges in the United States last year according to the report of the Commissioner of Education. It cost \$750,000,000 to educate the children and college students in 1914.—*Δ Σ Φ Tomahawk*.

Freshmen will be barred from all major sports next year, thus placing Columbia in the Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Penn, Harvard category. This is the first radical step taken by Columbia in fifteen years. She will lose many stars by this new ruling. No graduate of another university will be eligible on Columbia teams hereafter, either, according to the new code.—*Σ Π Emerald*.

Bidding against the people of Birmingham, Alabama, the Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta has raised a \$500,000 fund to aid the endowment of Emory University. Within two days after the sum was pledged, \$170,000 had been raised and at the end of the first week \$215,000 had been secured.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

From 1904 to 1914, Georgia State University has increased 494 per cent.; State University of Washington, 327 per cent.; State University of Oregon, 185 per cent.; State University of Oklahoma, 164 per cent.; State University of California, 117 per cent.; State University of Wisconsin, 103 per cent. In enrollment California increased 4,733; Wisconsin, 3,422; Tennessee, 3,372.

From 1894 to 1914, State University of Illinois increased 671 per cent.; University of Washington, 613 per cent.; University of Oregon, 402 per cent.; University of California, 394 per cent.; University of Colorado, 384 per cent.; University of Wisconsin, 292 per cent. In enrollment the University of California increased by 6,997; University of Minnesota, 5,293; University of Wisconsin, 5,038.—*Journal of Education*.

After a discussion which has been prolonged for several years, Yale has stiffened its requirements for membership to the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Under the new rules, only 10 per cent. of a given class will be eligible for election, and this percentage must have maintained a scholarship record for at least three years. The society at Princeton departed from its usual custom this year and not only elected qualified seniors to its membership, but also those juniors who have proven themselves worthy in two and a half years. It is rather interesting to note that where one institution restricts the number of men possible for election another institution acts in the opposite direction.—*Θ X Rattler*.

The conditions existing at Illinois between fraternity and non-fraternity men are conspicuous for the lack of all ill-feeling. The spirit of democracy, for which the university is noted, is exemplified fully in the friendly relations which exist between the fraternity man and the so-called "barb." The student body is for Illinois *first*. Because a man is not wearing a badge or a pledge pin does not signify that he is to be shunned. On the contrary, some of the biggest and best-liked men here are not fraternity men. The two honorary societies of the junior and senior classes, Sachem and Mawanda, respectively, are composed of about one-fourth non-fraternity men. It has often been said by men outside that the conditions existing at Illinois between the fraternity men and non-fraternity men are *ideal* and tend only toward democracy.—*K Σ Caduceus*.

Students of University of Pennsylvania have petitioned the faculty and board of trustees to start class work at eight o'clock, from September to December 1st, then to revert to nine o'clock schedule up to March 15th, and again to go back to eight o'clock schedule. They have also asked for more field space for athletics. They argue that the nine o'clock schedule

causes recitations to extend to late hours in the afternoon, and thus they cannot get on the athletic field until four and sometimes five o'clock. Franklin Field contains less than five acres for recreation and athletics. The students claim this is too small for such a big university. Yale has two fields of fifty-five acres each; Michigan has nearly eighty acres; Harvard has seventy-five acres; Cornell has fifty acres; and Dartmouth and Princeton have between thirty and forty acres each, devoted to athletics. Yale, Cornell, Michigan and Dartmouth already start recitation period at eight o'clock, in order to secure proper time for athletics.—*Σ Π Emerald*.

While the European war has killed all chances of international sports competition on the scale of the Olympic games and the America's cup regatta, the coming year will not be without its intersectional and international contests. In fact, the indications point to a wider range of sport meetings during 1916 than ever before in the history of amateur competition in this country.

English war censors work just as carefully with blue pencils and shears on American sporting matter cabled to Europe as they do on news of far greater importance. The score of the Harvard-Yale football game was held up for more than twelve hours, much to the disappointment of Harvard alumni who had gathered to dine and celebrate the forecasted victory. The score of the recent six-day bicycle race was received with the daily records of the teams eliminated to a point where it was impossible for English sporting editors to make head or tail out of what was left. Results of boxing bouts in Australia are made public from one to two days late, so that the sportsman at home has little advantage over his brother in the trenches.—*X Ω Lyre*.

The European war has not especially decreased the number of foreign students coming to American universities to be educated. The war has so changed the conditions of the institutions of learning in the belligerent nations, and suspended so many of them entirely that foreigners are coming to America to be educated. At the University of Pennsylvania alone this year there are registered almost a hundred students from belligerent countries and colonies. Although the statistics on the Geographical distribution of students have not yet been finally compiled, a perusal of the preliminary list prepared disclosed the fact that England and her colonies have at least forty-two men registered as students at the University of Pennsylvania; the Central Powers have sent only ten. Mexico's civil war has not prevented her from again sending some of her sons this year, although fewer than before their war. All the other Latin-American countries are represented by almost a hundred students. Armenia, China, Egypt, Greece, Persia, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, each sent a number of students. The statistics also show that the University has more than 200 students registered from no less than forty-two foreign countries and foreign territories. This is exclusive of more than a hundred

students from foreign lands who have come to the United States to stay and who have registered from American towns. While the European war has had some effect upon the total number of students who have come to America within the last two years, it has not been very marked.—*Banta's Greek Exchange.*

In England the leading universities are represented directly in parliament by members elected by the alumni. In the United States we have no such system, but, nevertheless, our colleges—and an astonishingly large number of them—get represented in congress. By the 380 members of the present senate and house who report collegiate education, 173 different institutions are named. No college would have more than two if they were equally distributed, but they are not. The University of Michigan with twenty-seven of its graduates in congress still holds the Washington pennant which it wrested from Yale some years ago. The University of Virginia, as we should expect under a Democratic regime, follows next with twenty. Then come Harvard, nineteen; Yale, thirteen; Wisconsin, ten; Alabama, seven; Mississippi, seven; Missouri, seven; Minnesota, six; Iowa, six, and Georgia, six. The fact that of the eleven institutions which have more than five representatives in congress, all but two are state universities, shows what an important factor in political life these institutions have become. It is equally interesting to observe that such large and important universities as Columbia, Pennsylvania, Cornell and Princeton have only three of their men in congress and Johns Hopkins and Stanford none at all. Twenty-eight per cent. of the members mention no institution of higher education and presumably attended none.—*New York Independent.*

The University of Oxford has the reputation of having been founded by King Alfred in 872.

The first college of the University of Cambridge was founded by Huga, Bishop of Ely, in 1257.

The University of Paris was founded by King Philip II about 1200.

The first university in the German Empire was at Prague, Bohemia, 1348.

The Czar Alexander I founded the universities of St. Petersburg and Moscow in 1802.

The oldest Spanish university is that of Salamanca, founded in 1240.

The University of Copenhagen, Denmark, was founded in 1479.

The University of Upsala, Sweden, was founded in 1477.

The oldest Italian universities are Bologna, founded in 1200; Padua, 1222; Naples, 1224; Genoa, 1243; Perugia, 1276; Macerata, 1290. There were nine more founded between 1300 and 1550. Italy was the greatest resort of students for the higher education in the middle ages.

Trinity College, Dublin, was incorporated by royal charter in 1591.

The University of Edinburg was founded in 1582 by a charter granted by King James VI of Scotland.

Harvard University had its beginning at Newton, afterward Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1636.

Yale University had its beginning at Saybrook, Connecticut, in 1700, and was removed to New Haven in 1716.

Columbia University was chartered as Kings College in 1754. The name was changed to Columbia College in 1785, and to Columbia University in 1896.

Princeton University, founded in 1746, was chartered as the College of New Jersey, and did not assume its present name officially until its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary in 1896.

William and Mary College (first steps taken toward establishing it in 1617) was erected at Williamsburg, Virginia, and charter granted in 1693.

The first common schools established by legislation in America were in Massachusetts in 1645; but the first town school was opened at Hartford, Connecticut, prior to 1642.

The University of Pennsylvania had its beginning at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1740. It was chartered in 1753 as the Academy and Charitable School in the Province of Pennsylvania, and received a further charter as a college in 1755. Its present title dates from 1791.

The University of Jagielle, of Cracow, Poland, where Copernicus received his education, was founded in 1364 by the Polish King, Kazimiere the Great, and endowed by a later Polish king, Jagiette, in 1400.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

WILLIAM C. SMILEY.

The Alumni

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jones (California), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sawyer (California), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McKenzie (Lehigh), a daughter, December 15, 1915.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Raine (Lehigh), a daughter, March 3, 1916.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Parks (Ohio Wesleyan), a son, April 4, 1916.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Warren (Trinity), a daughter, Barbara Warren, April 13, 1916, at Alva, Oklahoma.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Thorndike (Tufts), a son, Allston Kinsley Thorndike, Jr., at Medford, Massachusetts.

ENGAGEMENTS.

William B. Sawyer (California) and Miss Irma Foveaux, of Alameda, California.

Andrew L. Bell (M. I. T.) and Miss Elizabeth R. Baker.

Homer A. Vilas (St. Lawrence) and Miss Elizabeth Waters, of Brooklyn, New York.

Hugh Lundy (Simpson) and Miss June Skinner, of Syracuse, New York.

Carl W. Nevius (Simpson) and Miss Grace Dryden.

Frederick W. Ford, Jr. (Tufts), and Miss Lillian M. Bell, of Portland, Maine.

Robert W. Jeffers (Tufts) and Miss Jessie M. Kirk, of Rochester, New York.

Hugh F. Lovering (Tufts) and Miss Ida M. Baisley.

Lindol French (Vermont) and Miss Arlene T. Deware, of Pepperell, Massachusetts.

Charles C. Morse (Vermont) and Miss Marjorie Stanley, of Everett, Massachusetts.

Clarence C. Kahle (Washington and Jefferson) and Miss Harriet Hespenheide.

R. W. Thomas (Washington and Jefferson) and Miss Mary Doak, of Washington, Pennsylvania.

A. W. Jordan (Worcester) and Miss Madeline Townsend, of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Harry S. Rogers (Wyoming) and Miss Grace F. Larsen, of Laramie, Wyoming.

MARRIAGES.

DeVane K. Jones (Alabama) and Miss Alice Jones, of Birmingham, Alabama.

William Vaughn (Alabama) and Miss Leila Smith, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Leroy H. Woodruff (Alabama) and Miss Margaret Houser, of Anniston, Alabama.

Ted Arnold (Alabama Polytechnic) and Miss Elizabeth Brown, at Montgomery, Alabama, May 5, 1916.

Herbert Carter (Florida) and Miss Irene McCarthy, at Gainesville, Florida, June 10, 1915.

Dan Padgett (Florida) and Miss Fanny Treadwell, at St. Augustine, Florida, March 29, 1916.

Avory E. Ewan (Kentucky) and Miss Mary A. Lovell, at Greenville, Kentucky, April 12, 1916.

Percy L. Norton (Lehigh) and Miss Christine L. French, at Bristol, Connecticut, April 20, 1916.

Walter E. Smith (Lehigh) and Miss Ruth A. Bell, at Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1915.

Fred S. Anunsen (Oregon) and Miss Zella M. Soult, at Eugene, Oregon, June 23, 1915.

Clarence E. Ash (Oregon) and Miss Maud Mastick, at Portland, Oregon, August, 1915.

Vernon T. Motschenbacher (Oregon) and Miss Margaret Williams, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, December, 1914.

Karl W. Onthank (Oregon) and Miss Ruth MacLaren, at Hillsdale, Oregon, June, 1915.

Francis B. Brown (Trinity) and Miss Mildred Yates, of Raleigh, North Carolina.

L. W. Dunbar (Worcester) and Miss Agnes Smith.

D. W. Ormsbee (Worcester) and Miss Barbara Bigelow, April 15, 1916.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Clarence R. Johnson (Brown) from 19 Riverside Drive, Saranac Lake, N. Y., to 65 Bishop Avenue, Rumford, R. I.

Caspar Chisolm (Charleston) from 177 Broad Street, Charleston, S. C., to Byers Hall, New Haven, Conn.

John E. Hatch (Colby) from Fort Sill, Okla., to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Charles R. Meissner (Cornell) from Sparta, Minn., to Indiana Harbor, Ind.

Thomas A. Faust (Gettysburg) from 27 Emerson Street, East Orange, N. J., to St. George Street, London, Ontario, Canada.

H. J. Lane (Illinois) from 1034 Second Avenue, Columbus, Ga., to care of Hardaway Contracting Company, Electric, N. C.

W. E. Keeney (Iowa State) from Box 848, Seattle, Wash., to 6718 Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

W. C. Dietrich (Lehigh), care of New Jersey Zinc Company, Palmerton, Pa.

F. G. Perley (Lehigh), 1224 Walnut Street, Allentown, Pa.

J. W. Raine (Lehigh) from Evenwood, W. Va., to Rainelle, W. Va.

Joseph W. Barnwell, Jr. (M. I. T.), from 48 South Bay, Charleston, S. C., to Parlin, N. J.

Dr. Langhorne W. Fink (Muhlenberg) from 3717 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., to 132 North Eighth Street, Reading, Pa.

H. W. Shimer (Muhlenberg) from Pleasantville, N. J., to Shimerville, Pa.

Clarence M. Snyder (Muhlenberg) from Philadelphia, Pa., to Gouldsboro, Wayne County, Pa.

Rev. J. H. Worth (Muhlenberg) from 3930 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., to 141 Russell Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Godfrey R. Thorn (Penn State) from 307 West Avenue, Jenkintown, Pa., to 618 Y. M. C. A. Building, Johnstown, Pa.

Thomas F. Canfield (St. Lawrence) from Oklahoma City, Okla., to 236 South Moniteau Avenue, Sedalia, Mo.

Lawrence J. Sawyer (St. Lawrence) from 1010 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y., to 922 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, N. J.

Windom A. Allen (Tufts) from A. T. O. House, Tufts College, Mass., to M. A. C. Club, Amherst, Mass.

Frank L. Shaw (Tufts) from 612 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, to 81 Church Street, Boston, Mass.

Roland G. Stafford (Tufts) from Y. M. C. A. Building, Beverly, Mass., to 134 Professors' Row, Tufts College, Mass.

O. M. Sudler (Vermont) from Wissahickon Apt., Germantown, Pa., to 3210 Midvale Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Nelson E. Baxter (Worcester) from 19 Webster Street, Hyde Park, Mass., to Y. M. C. A., Peoria, Ill.

F. A. Gray (Worcester) from 16 Spring Street, Lebanon, N. H., to 4616 Penn Street, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.

James Heald (Worcester) from Berlin, N. H., to 35 Deering Street, Portland, Me.

H. W. Hosmer (Worcester) from 6 Columbia Street, Westfield, Mass., to 7 Lincoln Street, Framingham, Mass.

Martin H. Jachens (Worcester) from 247 Seventy-first Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., to 105 Shepard Avenue, East Orange, N. J.

S. C. Dickinson (Wyoming) from 615 C Street, Rock Springs, Wyo., to care of U. S. Bureau of Mines, P. C. E., San Diego, Cal.

Ulysses S. Grant (Wyoming) from Ventura, Cal., to 227 Cottage Grove Avenue, Santa Barbara, Cal.

Alfred R. William (Wyoming) from Laramie, Wyo., to 428 Ash Avenue, Ames, Ia.



BRIEF PERSONAL ITEMS.

Adrian: L. H. Hanford is teaching at Onstead, Michigan. Herbert Abbott is an attorney-at-law at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. T. W. Colhouer is preaching at Broad Ford, Pennsylvania. T. C. Stephens is head of the Department of Biology, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa. J. S. Vandervoort is a banker at Weston, West Virginia. Clayton S. Hobart is a merchant at Pemberville, Ohio. Harry V. Michener is with the

Western Electric Company at Seattle, Washington. D. I. King is in Champaign, Illinois. Rev. H. R. Stark is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Saginaw, Michigan. T. O. Chew, who is superintendent of schools at Washburn, Illinois, is the author of "Chew's High School Speller." James G. Welch is an attorney-at-law at Waukegan, Illinois. H. A. Myrick is with the Standard Oil Company at Albany, New York.

Alabama: Emile Hannon is bookkeeper for Anniston Hardware Company, Anniston, Alabama. Edgar Hayes is located at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and has charge of the installation of a well-equipped and thoroughly modern steam laundry.

Alabama Polytechnic: C. F. Moreland has been appointed manager of the Taylor branch of the A. E. Hancock Electrical Company, Taylor, Texas. B. B. Ross has been appointed to the Naval Advisory Board.

California: H. A. Sawyer is completing a course in medicine at the University of California. H. S. Jones is with the Diesel Engine Company, 104 Rialto Building, San Francisco, California. William B. Sawyer is still associated with the United States Steel Corporation.

Chicago: W. P. Lambertson is speaker of the State House of Representatives of Kansas. Harry Newby has opened a law office in the Conway Building, Chicago, Illinois. Lambert Sullivan is automobile editor of the *Chicago Daily News*. W. R. Blair, a charter member of the chapter, has charge of the Aerological Investigations, United States Weather Bureau, and is a noted physicist, being named in "Who's Who in America" as a leader in his profession. Dr. L. M. Munson, the first initiate of this chapter, is the youngest man who has ever made the St. Luke Hospital staff at Spokane, Washington, and is also a member of the City Sanitation Board of that city. He is active in the Spokane Alumni Association and is at the present time its secretary and treasurer. M. C. Seeley is a member of the law firm of Miller, Miller, Brady & Seeley, at Toledo, Ohio. H. Huse is on the faculty of the University of Chicago. Dr. G. H. Hansen is a dentist at Valley City, North Dakota. A. Paul is with the cost department of the Upson Nut Company, Cleveland, Ohio. A. Sayles and P. Gallagher are both located in El Paso, Texas, the

former being head of the history department in the El Paso High School, and the latter a prominent physician. Dell Miller is with the city water department at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Cornell: B. S. Cushman is chief chemist of the Cayuga Cement Corporation. G. P. Rea represents the Guaranty Security Company of New York in their Buffalo branch. H. C. Kelleran is with Chas. Brothers, nurserymen, Rochester, New York.

Emory: J. Brooks Brown is a professor in the Y. M. C. A. School at Honolulu. Sam R. Williams is with the Opelika Grocery Company at Opelika, Alabama.

Florida: Congressmen Joe Sears and Nathan Bryan are again seeking re-election in the coming primary in June. Fred Cason was recently appointed city attorney of Miami, Florida. Frank Clark, Jr., having been elected municipal judge, is seeking election as representative of Alachua County in the coming primary.

Georgia Tech: J. M. Robinson is taking a business course at Poughkeepsie, New York. J. D. Law is with the Ford Plant at Atlanta, Georgia. J. B. Osborn is with the Videlity Cotton Oil Company at Houston, Texas. B. J. Gantt is with the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company at Macon, Georgia. J. J. Twitty is at City Point, Virginia. C. M. Watson, George Long, Leon Watson and Julian Barnwell are working with the DuPont Powder Company, at City Point, Virginia.

Gettysburg: Luther Weigle, Ph. D., has been elected to the Horace Bushnell Chair of Christian Nurture in the Yale Divinity School.

Illinois: Wesley E. King is with the Halloran-Judge Loan and Trust Company, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Iowa: Frank A. Wahlgren, Jr., who finished his university work in February, is again in the employ of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Carl A. Trexler and Harry G. Chesebro, both of whom finished their courses in engineering last year, are located in Des Moines, Iowa, in the offices of Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, architects. Harry B. Swan, who has been practicing law with his father at Atlantic, has announced his candidacy for county attorney of Cass County. He is making a most creditable campaign and stands a good chance of getting the office. Norvin E. Smith is superintendent

of schools at Center Point, Iowa, this year. He is completing work for a master's degree also.

Kentucky: A. E. Ewan is superintendent of the Experiment Fields of Kentucky.

M. I. T.: Ross D. Sampson is now connected with the American Cyanamid Company, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Harry L. Bowman has been assistant to C. E. Smith, consulting engineer in St. Louis, since September. Joseph A. Boyer was admitted to the Florida bar in 1912 and went into partnership recently under the firm name of Butler & Boyer. He says: "Reasonably good prospects in sight, or just around the corner." John D. Welch is working in the experimental laboratory on steel for the Winchester Rifle Company, in New Haven, Connecticut. W. C. Ferguson is vice president, treasurer and assistant manager of the Walla Walla Iron Works, Walla Walla, Washington. Roy M. Anderson is chief engineer of the Washington State Penitentiary. William C. Bird is an assistant engineer for the Texas, Oklahoma and Eastern Railroad with headquarters at Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Carl W. Wood is with the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Works, Boston, Massachusetts. William R. Reilly is employed as mining engineer with the American Mineral Company. James C. Rogers is with the Alabama Power Company. P. C. Henry received his degree at Purdue University. Theodore F. Spear is now connected with the Stone and Webster Company and is located at Rumford, Maine. Arthur L. Nelson has left Stone & Webster and is employed by the C. H. Tenney Company, Boston, Massachusetts. Jacob Story is with the Fore River Ship Company, Quincy, Massachusetts. Linzee S. Hooper is with the Electric Boat Company, Quincy, Massachusetts. Duncan McRae, who for several years past has been teaching chemistry at the institute, is now studying for his doctor's degree.

Mercer: Henry Hicks left school during the winter to accept a position in Illinois. Paul J. Orr is traveling for a correspondence school and is visiting all the larger schools and universities in the South. Hugh R. Tarver is making quite a success as a lawyer in Savannah, Georgia. Charles C. Hertwig and Tom M. Jones are in business in Atlanta, Georgia.

Minnesota: Bill Smiley, W. G. K. A., visits the chapter with

seeming regularity. Brother Smiley has had some large charts printed which illustrate the lessons on our pin and crest. While Bill was not very well satisfied with the workmanship on the charts, yet this did not interfere with his lecture that he gives to the new initiates. He is one of the most enthusiastic workers of our fraternity and as one alumni said, "Bill is not married to a woman, but to the fraternity." So be it. John J. Viets is now the chief herdsman of the cattle barns at the College of Agriculture. Tasker and MacGillvra are tilling the soil and reports have it that they are prospering. E. E. Robinson is a resident lecturer at the University of Minnesota for one year. Milton H. Borst, of Windom, Minnesota, was in the city not long ago and said he was buying a stock of dry goods to start a store in the "hum" town.

Muhlenberg: H. W. Shimer has resigned as superintendent of the public schools at Pleasantville, New Jersey, to become one of the representatives of the Ginn Publishing Company.

Nebraska: Otto Zumwinkle was elected part-time physical instructor of the Lincoln High School, Lincoln, Nebraska. Ronald Conklin is taking a short course in agriculture. Byrne Marcellus is manager of the Affiliated Lyceum Bureaus of Chicago, Illinois. Harry Coffee stopped at Lincoln, Nebraska, on his way home from a six months' business trip to South America.

North Carolina: Thomas Worth has recently been made cashier of the Durham Loan and Trust Company, Durham, North Carolina.

Ohio Wesleyan: George Little has accepted a position as head coach of athletics of Miami University for the years 1916-17. Edward G. Neff is representing the Standard Oil Company in Shanghai, China. Hoyt B. Graham is teaching school in Fostoria, Ohio. Howard N. Penn became the junior partner of his father's bank at New Vienna, Ohio. Fred Potts has been appointed Director of Recreative Sports in Cleveland, Ohio. Lawrence H. Carpenter is taking a course in pharmacy at Ohio Northern University. Morris S. Baker has accepted a position as cashier in the Morris Sharp Bank at Washington Court House, Ohio.

Oregon: E. E. Brosius is back in college after an absence

of four and a half years. Ben Grout is teaching in Hood River High School at Hood River, Oregon. Alexander Martin is studying electrical engineering in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Karl W. Onthank is superintendent of schools at Tillamook, Oregon. Rex Turner is practicing law at Salem, Oregon. George M. White is teaching in Jefferson High School, Portland, Oregon. Theodore G. Williams is working in the United States National Bank, Portland, Oregon. Vernon T. Motschenbacher is teaching in Klamath County High School, Klamath Falls, Oregon. Ray F. Murphy is studying dentistry in the North Pacific Dental College, Portland, Oregon. G. C. Huggins is teaching in Milwaukee High School, Milwaukee, Oregon. Roger W. Moe is editor and owner of the *Mosier Bulletin* and has recently been elected a councilman at Mosier, Oregon. Frank A. Dudley is practicing law in Portland, Oregon. Eugene Good is managing the Sommer Hotel at LaGrande, Oregon. Earl Blackaby is working in the Ontario National Bank at Ontario, Oregon. Leland S. Finch is practicing law in Baker, Oregon. Peter C. Crockatt is head of the department of public speaking in Spokane University, at Spokane, Washington. William A. Cass is in business at Hood River, Oregon. Slater E. White is studying pharmacy at Oregon Agricultural College. Howard Drew is principal of schools at Athena, Oregon. Harold C. Merryman is running for nomination for district attorney of Klamath County. C. E. Motschenbacher has been managing a laundry at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Pennsylvania: Lawrence Hall is a practicing architect at Springfield, Ohio.

Purdue: Charles Estabrook is engaged in the sale of structural steel in Dayton, Ohio, and is located in the Reibold Building. Harold Boyd is a transitman in the city engineer's office at Dayton, Ohio. Marion Penn is assistant superintendent of the Public Service Electric Company at Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was one of the members of the Ford Peace Expedition. Maurice Neptune is doing experimental work for the H. J. Heinz Company at Muscatine, Iowa. Emmet H. Thomas is in the engineering department of the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company. Ralph J. Teetor is secretary of the Howe Chain Company at

Muskegon, Michigan. George P. Torrence, Jr., is manager of the merchandise department of the Link Belt Company at Chicago, Illinois. Joseph H. Cannon is associate professor of Electrical Engineering at the A. and M. College, College Station, Texas.

St. Lawrence: Emmet J. Murphy has been appointed assistant district attorney of New York County. A. C. Farlinger, who has been with the McGill College Hospital Corps on the battle front in France, has returned to resume his medical studies. R. S. Milligan has been appointed manager of the Standard Oil Stove and Lamp Department in San Francisco. Lawrence Sawyer has accepted a position with the Buffalo office of Kean Taylor Company, investment bankers. Justice C. W. Appleton has been appointed presiding magistrate of the new municipal magistrate's court of New York City. T. S. Williams, who will be graduated from the Worcester School of Technology in June, has been invited to become a member of the Sigma Xi Society, the Phi Beta Kappa of the engineering course.

Texas: Charles B. Popenoe is employed in the Department of Public Works of Ohio.

Trinity: R. M. Odell is commercial agent for the Department of Commerce at Calcutta, India. His address is care of Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Tufts: Francis M. B. Merrithew has been transferred from a temporary position with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in Chicago to a position as assistant traffic chief at Cincinnati, Ohio. Harris G. Monroe is attending the Park Square Auto School in Boston, Massachusetts, and expects to take out a chauffeur's license soon.

Worcester Tech: Raymond B. Penniman is in the trenches with the Canadian troops. During the last two months of last year he was located "somewhere in Belgium." No word has been received from him since January. Leon H. Sargent is at present in Chicago, Illinois, representing the Standard Plunger Elevator Company. G. N. Davidson is now assistant superintendent of the Westinghouse Company's Hill plant at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts. E. H. Classen is now a member of the firm of Classen & Latham, hardware dealers, in Media, Pennsylvania. F. A. Gray is at present at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, his address being 4616

Penn Street. News has been received of the death of Mrs. George W. Hayes at Bridgeport, Connecticut, April 17, 1916.

Wyoming: Ernest B. Hitchcock and Ross L. Bancroft have been initiated at Ames, Iowa, into Alpha Zeta, an honorary Agricultural Society. Alfred R. Williams is working for his M. S. at Ames, Iowa. Clifford S. Dickinson is first aid demonstrator in mine rescue work at the Panama Pacific Exposition in San Diego. Wilbur Hitchcock is an assistant professor in mathematics at the University of Colorado. Lawrence N. Rogers is coaching and instructing at Ashtabula High School, Ohio, where he is making quite a name for himself.

The Associations

ATLANTA.

The Atlanta Alumni Association held an informal dinner at the Hotel Ansley on March 18th. Thirty-six brothers, including a number from the active chapter of the Beta Iota (Georgia Tech) chapter, were present.

JAS. L. GIRARDEAU.

CINCINNATI.

A good many of the A. T. O. boys who were here several years ago have moved away.

While I know several A. T. O. boys, we have had no active alumni association for some time.

Rev. G. O. White, in charge of the Union Bethel, is one of our brothers coming from one of our Michigan chapters.

Walter B. Pearson, general sales manager of the Procter & Gamble Co., is one of our other members.

Such of us as are here will always be glad to see any visiting A. T. O.'s who are passing through or who are coming to this section.

MONTE J. GOBLE.

COLORADO.

The Denver Alumni Association has discontinued its weekly luncheons on account of slim attendance, the majority of the men either having wives who demand their appearance at home or else business prevents the necessity of eating. N. C. Steel, as president of our association, concluded it would be a wiser plan to have monthly or bimonthly events, at which the ladies could be present rather than listen to the same old stories from the few old faithfuls each Saturday noon at a fifty-cent indigestible lunch. So far, however, the expected parties have not materialized owing no doubt to the war.

Probably the most important phase of A. T. O. alumni life in Colorado is the effort on the part of the building house company to clear the indebtedness on the lots at Boulder, where it is the anticipated hope and earnest desire of loyal Gamma Lambdas to erect a home for the active chapter. Steel has been keeping latent enthusiasm from dying out altogether for

the past weary months numbering into years and started the flame anew by an appeal to all alumni of Colorado Gamma Lambda for monthly contributions until the balance on the lots was paid. This met with but partial success, so Drake and Wilson undertook to add new zest to the work and it looks as if success would crown their efforts. When the lots, which, by the way, are the choicest piece of property which can be secured around the campus, are paid for, then a house will be erected without delay. The building company's books have been audited and the whole proposition put upon a business basis so that there will be no misunderstanding as to the intentions of carrying out the long-desired dream of our chapter.

Many of the alumni attended the initiation and banquet held at Boulder, February 2d, and were agreeably surprised at the splendid manner with which the ritual was carried out.

Coming events are already casting their shadows before in the form of the "Annual," a formal dance given by the active chapter at Boulder in commemoration of its founding, May 4, 1901; and the nucleus of what is hoped to be the beginning of a new pan-hellenic society in Denver on April 29th; *i.e.*, a banquet of five hundred or more Greek-letter men from various parts of Colorado. There seems to be a growing need for mature advice from older men who are interested in and acquainted with fraternity questions as are now being raised among active chapters, and it is the object of pan-hellenic associations the country over to assist in the solutions of such problems. Therefore, the new Denver organization will be a move in the right direction.

RANULPH HUDSTON.

DAYTON.

One hundred and twenty-six members of various Greek-letter fraternities represented in this city, surrounded the festal board at the Dayton City Club, April 28th, and celebrated the tenth annual banquet of the Dayton Pan-Hellenic Association.

The Hon. Harry M. Daugherty, Republican candidate for United States Senator from Ohio, made the address of the evening on "American Citizenship." Mr. Daugherty is a very able speaker and this occasion was in nowise an exception to the rule. Other speeches followed by City Manager Henry M. Waite; Colonel Robert L. Hubler, Third Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and Judge R. W. Baggott, who was A. T. O.'s representative in the speakers' list.

This year's banquet was the largest we have ever held and stood high in fraternalism and good-fellowship, in which some forty-five fraternities were represented.

The following A. T. O.'s were present: Judge Rowland W. Baggott, Ohio State; Walter C. Fox, University of Kentucky; Dr. Paul W. Toppan, Wooster; J. A. Underwood, Wisconsin; Charles B. Popenoe, University

of Texas; Charles Estabrook, Purdue; M. L. Beard, Charles E. Pansing and Edward Brown, Wittenberg. CHARLES B. POPENOE.

DES MOINES.

The Des Moines Alumni Association has been very inactive the last two or three months, due to the fact that their secretary has been too busy with other matters to give the fraternity much thought. We are planning on having a "get-together" meeting before very long.

Since our last writing, one of our good brothers, Dwight Hill, of the Chicago University chapter, has taken unto himself a wife, and since then we haven't seen much of him.

I, as secretary, had the pleasure of meeting Leon H. Sargent, of the Worcester Polytechnical School, and who is now with the Standard Plunger Elevator Company of Chicago, and who was in the city on business.

We are always pleased to meet A. T. O.'s who are traveling through this way and we only wish that more of them would take it upon themselves to look us up. D. S. KRUIDENIER.

NEW YORK.

Things are certainly humming this year among the Alpha Tau alumni around New York City. The association has made its headquarters at the Hotel Woodstock, where luncheons are held every Saturday. These luncheons have been very well attended, on some occasions as many as thirty men having turned out. All visiting Alpha Taus are cordially invited to join us at these affairs.

The last smoker held at the Woodstock was a tremendous success, Friday, March 10th, there being sixty-five brothers present, and both the "old timers" and the "younger set" were well represented. A very interesting address by Senator Thompson, the famous "investigator," who was the guest of the evening, was keenly enjoyed. Worthy Grand Chief Giffin was unable to be present, owing to an engagement to attend the conclave of the chapters of Province VII at Cleveland.

Too much credit cannot be given to Hazen Conklin, the president of our association, and several of the other brothers, for their untiring efforts in awakening the enthusiasm that exists among the local Alpha Taus. If the interest continues to increase at the present rate, Alpha Tau Omega will soon have an alumni organization in New York City in keeping with the traditions of our grand old fraternity.

We are very anxious to get in touch with all Alpha Taus living in this vicinity, and wish that all the recent graduates moving to New York would send their names and addresses to the secretary.

The New York Alumni Association wishes to call to your attention that headquarters have been established at the Hotel Woodstock on West Forty-third Street, near Broadway. A list of the members and their addresses, in and around New York, is also kept by the hotel and can be consulted at any time by Alpha Taus, by applying at the information desk.

On Saturdays from one to three o'clock, in the Woodstock grill, a large table is reserved for Alpha Taus and their friends. These luncheons have been so very successful that they have become a fixture and will be continued indefinitely except for a summer recess from May to October.

The New York Alumni Association hopes that all Alpha Taus coming to New York, either temporarily or permanently, will get in communication with the Secretary, as soon as possible so that he can see that they receive notices of the smokers, luncheons, etc.

It will be appreciated very much if this letter is read at a meeting and kept on file for the future information of the members. It would also help the secretary if the chapters and alumni associations would send a list of any brothers in New York, as we believe there are a number of Alpha Taus whose names are not on the local alumni list.

M. M. DRAKE.

OMAHA.

In behalf of the Omaha Alumni Association I want to tell you that we are not only still on the map, but have continued to be so in spite of the fact that our letter has been conspicuous by its absence from the last two numbers of the *PALM*. Our failure to advertise our activities is by no means an indication of loss of interest in the organization by our alumni members, but is rather the result of your humble correspondent's negligence, coupled with the fact that the association has been so active during the last few months that the task of giving it adequate notice has seemed to demand more time and ability than your correspondent felt he had at his disposal.

We have, in fact, a fine and enthusiastic body of alumni in the Omaha association whose co-operation guarantees it the growth and prosperity in the future, which it has enjoyed during the four years of its past. It is the object of the association to be not only a gathering place for the loyal Taus in the eastern part of Nebraska and the western part of our neighboring state, Iowa, but to be in so far as possible the generating point of interest in our fraternity throughout this territory. Looking toward this end we have endeavored to keep in touch with the nearby active chapters of the brotherhood and to lend them what advice, encouragement and assistance we were able to give upon every occasion. Whether the association has been successful in its efforts toward the vitalizing and strengthening of the fraternal spirit outside of our own

brotherly circle, we are in no position to judge, but we hope to radiate something of the warmth and geniality of our frequent meetings to those of the active brotherhood whom we have had the pleasure of entertaining at them from time to time. We wish to give these active men a conception of enduring fellowship in Alpha Tau Omega, extending beyond the narrow walls compassing the four years of college life, and we are repaid in exchange by their enthusiasm for "the old frat" and their energetic devotion to the building up of her bright future.

The Nebraska chapter, Gamma Theta, has acquitted itself in mighty fine style during the last school year, if the reports we have been receiving from other sources are at all to be credited, and we have taken an especial interest in their new house project, to which several of our members, even though of other chapters of the fraternity, have lent ready and generous encouragement.

The Simpson chapter is another of our especial proteges. We number in our membership one of the charter members of that chapter, Charles H. Parks, our worthy vice president at this time. Parks has also the pleasure and distinction of having his son, Kenneth, now a member of the brotherhood, in the Simpson chapter.

At our meeting, the first of the year, held in the University Club of Omaha, we found no less than eight different chapters of Alpha Tau Omega represented there by alumni; and representatives of the active chapters at Nebraska, Ames, Iowa and Simpson were present at that enjoyable occasion.

At that meeting an election of officers was held, in which S. A. Harris was elected president; Charles H. Parks, vice president, and Alfred C. Kennedy was re-elected to his fourth term as secretary.

Another formal meeting and banquet was held last month at the Loyal Hotel, presided over by our genial president, S. A. Harris, who has since that time degenerated into a political fatorium and suffered the humiliation of having the senior partner in his law firm nominated as Governor of Nebraska. Incidentally we have reason to believe that Si's loyal fraternal conscience is somewhat troubled, owing to the fact that the said senior partner nosed our honorable worthy brother, Samuel Roy McKelvie, of Nebraska Gamma Theta, out of that gubernatorial nomination by a mere handful of votes. The writer's conscience is absolutely clear, for he supported McKelvie without stint or hindrance.

Politically our association is of the most distinguished order, for we not only glory in McKelvie's remarkable race for the Republican nomination for Governor, but in the successful candidacy of another of our members, "Tubby" Mallory, of Alliance, Nebraska, for district delegate. Mallory has held office as Representative and State Senator of Nebraska and McKelvie was formerly Lieutenant Governor. Doll, of Blair, was

nominated for County Judge, and I have no doubt Fred Lair, of Fremont, was also in the running somewhere, although the writer lacks definite evidence on this point at the present writing.

CHARLES TRIMBLE.

PORTLAND.

The associatoin during the last year has taken a new lease on life, which is evidenced by the increasing number of new faces at our meetings. On the first Saturday of each month, at 6.30 P. M., we have our A. T. O. dinner at the Benson Hotel, and the attendance has been encouraging. Quite a number of the older men have been coming out, but there are others that no appeal seems to reach. These latter seem to be weaned away from exercising the principles upon which the fraternity is founded, or else they never thoroughly imbibed those principles when they were active members. Of course, we will grant that many pressing affairs demand attention, but we feel that alumni should at least have sufficient interest in their fraternity to make some effort or sacrifice, whereby they can gather together at some time or other and live over again those days which mean so much to all of us. However, we should like to see every A. T. O. alumnus at our meetings some time, and those who come know the good feeling that prevails and the absent ones are the losers. If some one can suggest a method whereby the sluggish alumni can be brought out, it would be greatly appreciated by the writer.

At our dinners we have had discussions of various topics of interest to fraternity men and I feel sure that greater zeal for their fraternity has been inspired. This association was active in installing the active chapter at Oregon Agricultural College, and reports from the chapter there are very bright. With the approach of summer and the time for travel is at hand, we look for the coming of A. T. O.'s and you will always find a welcome here, by dropping a line to the secretary, F. A. Dudley, 401 Platt Building, or the PALM correspondent, R. R. Rudolph, 211 Morgan Building.

R. R. RUDOLPH.

The Undergraduates

THE CHAPTER LETTERS.

PROVINCE I.

FLORIDA.

After the closing of the mid-year examinations last February Alpha Omega enters upon the home stretch of a most prosperous year.

Our lot for the chapter house has been purchased, and plans are well under way for the construction of a home which we hope to occupy at the opening of school next fall.

In college honors we are well represented. VanCamp, Barker and S. Holland, the only three seniors which we returned this year, all made Phi Kappa Phi. In the intercollegiate debate with Tulane, Holland was chosen for the team with Chillingworth first alternate. In the recent election of John Marshall Debating Society, which has the distinction of having won the inter-society cup, we have Chillingworth as president, Householder as secretary-treasurer and Watson as critic. Glasgow and Chillingworth were elected to the Cooley Club, a local petitioning Phi Delta Phi. S. Holland and Getzen are doing well on the baseball team. Holland, on the pitching staff, is winning all of his games. The basketball team under VanCamp as captain has just completed a very successful year, and also Joe Adams has been awarded his "F." Spring football training has started. We are well represented by Goldsby, Stockton, Dowling and Sparkman, all varsity men of last year. Our college annual, *The Seminole*, is almost completed under the direction of S. Holland as editor-in-chief.

We have not neglected the social side of college life. Our annual valentine dance, which is of state importance, was quite a success. Besides a great number of visiting girls, there were also a large number of visiting brothers present.

Following the custom adopted last year, our semi-annual letter was sent out last February. The many replies from the alumni show their keen interest and spirit in the chapter's welfare. We regret the loss of Holtsinger, who was called home on the account of the illness of his father.

We have recently had the pleasure of visits from Newman, Cox, Upchurch, Peeples, Carter, Padgett, Wilson, McWilliams, Edwards, Mershon and Weatherford.

JACK WATSON.

GEORGIA.

Alpha Beta has started on the last term of the college year and every one is getting ready for the final examinations. We have made one of the best records this year in scholarship that we have ever made before; not losing a single man on account of studies. We shall lose four members by graduation, John G. Henderson and Robert L. Callaway, Jr., from the academic department, and Joel B. Mallet and Fred R. Crandall from the law department. These men have certainly been valuable ones to the fraternity and their places will be hard to fill next year.

Since our last letter, Robert L. Callaway and Joel B. Mallet have been elected into Sphinx, which is the highest honorary club in college. We have also taken our share of honors in the speaking line. J. B. Mallet made the intercollegiate debate, Hinton F. Longino made first place on champion debate and was alternate in the junior orators' contest, and Robert E. L. Spence won the medal in the freshman debate.

In the way of clubs, Callaway and Crandall have been initiated into the Gridiron Club, which is the most secret club in college. Longino has been elected a member of the XV Club, which is an honorary and literary club here in college. Henderson, Mallet, Callaway, Crandall, Andrews, Longino, West and Ashley are members of the "Senate," which is one of the social organizations here. Harper, Cannon, Pottle, Spence, Arnold and Dixon are members of the K. K. K. Club, which is the dancing club organized by the freshmen in college.

We are represented in every branch of college activities, and at the same time we are making a good record in studies. On the whole we have had a most successful year.

HINTON F. LONGINO.

EMORY.

Georgia Alpha Theta is still progressing in more ways than one, which is the same as to say that she is upholding the standards.

After the gayeties of our oyster roast and reception of the early spring had become fond and pleasant memories, the chapter, to some extent, turned from the social side to the throng of other college doings, and came out with her share of honors. In the recent student body annual elections, Carl N. Robeson was elected art editor of the annual; Fount R. Lane, chairman of the athletic committee, and J. Eason Cross, vice president of the student body. The latter two positions carry with them seats on the central board, a control board of seven. In athletics, particularly baseball, we have done somewhat. B. Donald Banks, C. Pierce Harris,

John J. Ingram, Fount R. Lane, Robert H. Humphrey and Clay C. Bostwick are all playing good ball, and it is a safe wager that the former four, at the least, will win their letter. In the recent field day contests David C. Butler broke the college record for the high jump, and is expected to trim up things in the approaching S. I. A. A. meet. For the coming year we have three men on the Y. M. C. A. cabinet, C. Pierce Harris, Louie L. Padgett and J. Eason Cross. In the literary society we have J. Orson Smith as president and Richard J. Broyles as champion debater and senior dismissal orator, besides some speakers on the minor debates. Fount R. Lane has recently been elected to the senior honor society. Clay F. Wynn, our affiliate from North Carolina Xi, is an exceptionally good "shoot-'em-up." Our recent addition, Reid Monfort, is a freshman debater as well as a commencement speaker.

Saturday evening, April 29th, we celebrated our thirty-fifth anniversary with an enjoyable smoker. Willard W. Irvine was the alumni orator. Many of the old men, as usual, were with us on this occasion.

J. EASON CROSS.

MERCER.

Since our last report to the PALM we have taken in two new men who promise to do honor to our chapter and to Alpha Tau Omega. This gives us a fine chapter; in fact, the best we have had in a number of years, and we are in a very flourishing condition. As an evidence of our well-being we gave a reception on April 15th. The rooms were decorated in palms and roses, and our colors were carried out, as far as possible in all the decorations. Quite a number of young ladies from Wesleyan were present, together with many from town and out of town. I may say, by the way, that nearly all of them were wearing A. T. O. pins, all of which goes to show that we are strong with the ladies! Every one present agreed that it was the best fraternity reception ever given at Mercer.

Our baseball team has had a very successful season so far. We have only two men on the squad this year, Guy Connell, at short, and Edward Murray as a substitute outfielder.

We have two men in this year's Dramatic Club, which is planning to present one of Moliere's comedies in the near future.

Hubert McKinnon is in the hospital at present recovering from a minor operation. He is now well on the road to recovery and we hope to have him back with us in a few days.

We are already beginning to work for next year. As we only lose three men through graduation, our prospects are very bright for a goodly number in the chapter next fall.

We were very glad to have the following alumni and brothers with us at our reception: Tom M. Jones, Richard Smith, Donald Banks, P. D. Hughes, Malcolm Jones and Wesley Williams.

We also wish to acknowledge visits from the following: Paul J. Orr, James R. Van Buren and Ted Holt. Holt was returning to Georgia Tech from a visit to the local at Stetson, where he had been sent to make an inspection concerning their worthiness to receive a charter as a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. We are always glad to have visiting brothers with us. Come often!

WILLIAM S. FLORENCE.

GEORGIA TECH.

Tech is in the midst of her spring activities in which Beta Iota is taking a leading part. The baseball team is showing up fine. J. T. Smith is playing first-class varsity ball, and he is leading the team in batting.

Beta Iota entertained her friends not long ago with an informal dance. Informal dances have been the vogue at Tech this year, and Beta Iota has given her share. Fraternity ball has started and Beta Iota has a fine chance to win the cup this year.

E. Y. Holt was royally entertained on a business visit to the Phi Beta Psi Club at Deland, Florida. Beta Iota was very pleased with Holt's report and deems the Phi Beta Psi Club worthy of a charter.

Beta Iota acknowledges the visits of the following: Scoville, Buetell and Wallthower, from Auburn, and Joe Twitty, from City Point, Virginia. B. J. Gantt, E. B. Means, Jim Law, Walter Conklin, Stewart Colley, G. Willhelm and W. Gault have also paid Beta Iota visits.

We are pleased to have J. T. Freeman, one of the alumni of this chapter, staying in the house.

D. S. GOLDING.

PROVINCE II.

ILLINOIS.

This June Gamma Zeta parts with three of its old standbys in the class of 1916, and three of the best known men about the campus. Harold Pogue has probably been better known than any other man in football circles during the past three years; and this semester has had the honor of being elected president of his class. Roger Bronson is well known for the 1916 *Illio*; its great success being chiefly due to his efforts. Roger Hill's clever writings have amused the university for four years. He has finished his college career, scoring a big hit with the lyrics in "I'm Neutral," the student opera recently produced; and writing a good share of the Roast Section in this year's *Illio*.

On February 13th we initiated our eleven pledges, all of them having passed the required university work. The week-end of April 14th to 16th we entertained some forty girls and several alumni at our spring annual and house party.

Since our last letter Gildner and Pogue have pulled several surprises on the track. Gildner has been selected to go to the Penn and Drake

relays and Pogue to the Penn relays. Louie Krug was captain of the water polo team. Scott Julien and Carlton Healy are on the business and editorial staffs of the *Daily Illini*. Scott McNulta very successfully managed "The Mob," a spring play by Mask and Bauble, and Wallace and McBride have been elected to the organization. Squier, famous as a football player, has made Tau Beta Pi.

If the dope runs true we expect to see Jack Powers manage inter-class athletics for next year; McNulta, cheer leader; White, manager of the 1918 *Illio*, and Lyon and Snyder on the football team.

For next year we expect twenty-seven old boys back, which is a half dozen more than we have had to start things with in three years. While we will greatly miss the aforementioned three old standbys, a strong class of eight juniors ought to lead things in good shape.

McDONALD LOVELL.

CHICAGO.

The spring quarter continues to find A. T. O. holding her own in the various activities on the Midway. Windrow was the unanimous choice for forward on the all-conference water basketball team. "Windy" also held down a position on the varsity swimming team. Curtiss is generally regarded as the "find" of freshman baseball. He has already won his numerals in freshman indoor track and will without a doubt make his numerals also in outdoor track and freshman varsity baseball. Kipp, another freshman, is on the freshman track team.

In the Blackfriar play, "A Rhenish Romance," which is the big play of the college year, the chapter will be very well represented. Windrow is to have the comedy lead, and Cope, Heilman, Uhlhorn and Hibbard are in the chorus. Windrow and Hilton are already Blackfriars, and the other four men are expected to "make" that organization, membership in which is considered to be one of the highest honors on the campus.

The chapter was recently greatly honored by the election of Blazer to the chairmanship of the interscholastic commission. This means that Blazer is to have the exclusive charge of the interscholastic field and track meet, which each year brings hundreds of prep athletes to the Midway to compete for track honors on Stag Field. As his chief assistant in this most important work, Blazer has chosen Windrow to be chairman of the entertainment and rushing committee.

Heilman has been elected business manager of the university annual, the *Cap and Gown*, for next year, thereby succeeding Blazer, who was this year's business manager. H. R. Bennett, Phi Beta Kappa, has been initiated into Sigma Xi, honorary scientific fraternity. Another brother will make Phi Beta Kappa at the June election. Heilman is manager of the university orchestra, and also a member of that organization.

The regular quarterly dance was held in February at the Hotel Del

Prado and was unusually successful. It was in the nature of a dinner-dance and was attended by a large number of alumni of this and other chapters. The annual alumni dance is to be held at that same place next month and we are hoping for even a larger number of alumni to be present at that time. On April 16th the chapter held an informal musicale at the chapter house. With the kind assistance of F. R. Abbott, Virginia Delta, the affair was a most decided success. Saturday evening, April 22d, an informal dance was given at the chapter house and this too was a big time. We are hoping that a large number of alumni will be on hand for the coming chapter functions.

We were sorry to lose Haupt, who was graduated in the winter quarter. Two men have affiliated with the chapter during the year: A. D. Crowe, of Alabama Beta Beta, and D. T. Bennitt, of Wyoming Gamma Psi.

DORMAN BENNITT.

INDIANA.

Delta Alpha boasts of a decided improvement in average scholarship for last semester. We ranked second of all fraternities and were beaten out of first place by a margin of only .2 of one per cent. Indiana University is using every available means of bringing the question of good grades fairly before the fraternities here and through the efforts of W. A. Rawles, assistant dean of men, acting in co-operation with the inter-fraternity council, the general average scholarship of all the fraternities has been greatly improved. Our success was due in large measure to the watchful supervision of the upper classmen and the examples set by the older men morally supported their supervision. Harold E. Bowers gave most to the high standing of the chapter and his last semester's work undoubtedly brought him closer to later university honors.

The beginning of this year marked a new era for athletics at Indiana. Our new gymnasium will be completed by next fall and the athletic field will follow closely afterward. The university unquestionably made a wise selection for athletic director in the person of Ewald O. Stiehm, Wisconsin Gamma Tau, who has already shown his worth to Indiana and incidentally to Delta Alpha. We have four men out for spring football practice. Floyd Marshall was on the varsity squad last year. Cecil Harlos and pledges Homer Tate and Louis Adams are out for the first time. Carl Bottenfield is considered one of the best men on the freshman baseball squad. Arthur Mogge is also prominent in first-year athletics. He has won his numerals in track and cross-country, besides playing inter-class basketball and taking part in every branch of fraternity athletics. Harley Edington is captain of the A. T. O. diamond artists. We ended the bowling season in second place under the guidance of Captain Garrison.

Delta Alpha continues to take an active part in school affairs. Mal-

colm Campbell has been elected president of the Y. M. C. A. for next year. Earl Sullivan was chairman of the junior promenade, the only open formal dance of the year, and a member of the inter-fraternity dance committee. Charles F. Thompson has been elected treasurer of both the Boosters' Club and the Indiana Union. Tate, Sullivan and Kees are on the Glee Club. James W. Young was on two university debating teams. E. E. Moore is manager of the Union picture show and an assistant in the philosophy department. Marshall and Luetze are on the *Indiana Daily* student staff and besides this the chapter has the distinction of having the correspondents of two of the most important Indianapolis papers.

Earl F. Fraizer and Charles J. Kirschman will receive degrees this spring. A. W. Haynes fails to get his diploma owing to sickness throughout one term of his freshman year. We have initiated seven freshmen this semester and are planning on the second degree as a part of their spring work.

Our annual spring dance and picnic is set for May 19th and 20th and the whole affair is to be made into a rush party with especial invitations to our alumni and their friends.

WALLACE H. MARTIN.

ROSE.

The new regulations on the rushing season worked well for Indiana Gamma Gamma. The new rule is, that for a period of two weeks at the beginning of the second term the freshmen may be rushed, one formal party being allowed for each fraternity. At the end of the two weeks invitations are sent to the freshmen through the president of the institute. The freshmen have twenty-four hours to answer these and during that time no freshman can be approached by an upper classman. Such a season netted us nine freshmen or, in other words, the cream of the class.

Whelan and Rector are associate editors of the official school publication, also they are on the *Modulus* staff. Howard is a member of the athletic board.

In athletics Weinhardt is manager of the baseball team and has for his assistant, Whelan. Streeter, '19, a pledge, is manager of the freshman varsity. Bake and McKeever are batteries for the varsity. In track we have Crapo, McKee and Streeter. Crapo, Howard and Bake are taking in the spring football practice.

Mefford, of Gamma Xi, is the athletic director at Rose this year.

We have had several visitors recently, among whom were McFadden, of Purdue; R. A. Feather, of Western Reserve; O'Brien, of Mount Union, Ohio.

C. S. MCKEE.

PURDUE.

Indiana Gamma Omicron is now confidently looking forward to a release from her present cramped quarters. Our energetic alumni have been at work, with telling effect. A big corner lot, on one of the best of the residential streets around the campus, was bought recently. Our architect, Robert Frost Daggett, of Pennsylvania Tau, is now preparing plans for a new chapter house, to be erected in time for rushing season this coming fall.

We are well represented in campus activities this year. Emrick and Rife are charter members of the recently organized honorary society for mechanical engineering students, "Carzeuran." Emrick is president of the Purdue branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Ross, when not wielding the editorial pen for the *Purdue Exponent*, acts as publicity manager for the Harlequin Club. Middleton is president of Eta Kappa Nu, the honorary electrical engineering fraternity. Taylor is secretary of Carlyle Literary Society. Tiemann, as manager of the Glee Club, has lead his proteges through a successful season. Becker is captain of the junior baseball team. This is Finn's third year at second base on the varsity squad. Purdue's new football coach, Cleo O'Donnell, of Everett, Massachusetts, announced himself well pleased with the material brought out by spring practice.

Our progressive student council is "making things hum" on the campus. It recently conducted a successful "Tag Day" to secure funds wherewith to house the historic "Purdue Bell." We are represented on the council by Ross, who is secretary of the organization.

On Saturday, April 22d, a chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha, the national debating fraternity, was installed here. Ross is a charter member of the new Purdue chapter.

Gamma Omicron has initiated seven freshmen, as fine as any in school. All enjoyed the initiation banquet held on April 1st.

The chapter will publish another issue of our *Dope Sheet* early in May.

We have enjoyed visits from Province Chief F. R. Bott; H. F. Harrington, of Ohio Beta Omega; Rootier, of Wisconsin Gamma Tau; Thompson, of Indiana Delta Alpha; W. L. Bridges and R. E. Griffith, of Gamma Omicron. Griffith came back all the way from Santa Domingo to attend the junior prom with us this year.

M. D. TAYLOR.

ADRIAN.

The school year of 1915-16 has been a very successful one for Alpha Mu. Next year promises to be even brighter. We will very much regret the loss by graduation this spring of Lloyd Mohr, Curtis Rorick, Clinton Rogge, Leone V. Jenkins, Harry J. Lord and Merrill E. Symonds. We will begin next year with nine actives and one pledge.

As usual with the members of Alpha Tau Omega in this college we

have been active in all school functions. Mohr was captain of football and Wood was captain of baseball. All of the class presidents are either Alpha Taus or non-fraternity men. Harry Lord received a scholarship as the result of efficient work. Loyal Calkins is editor of the *College World* and represented us in the Michigan oratorical league contest. Wood is president of the student union.

We are largely represented in the student government. In football we had six men to receive "A's" and two more to receive "R's." In basketball we had one man to receive an "A." In baseball we are well represented and wish to mention the name of Laudenslager as a coming college pitcher who will travel in the fastest company.

As a fraternity we have given quite a few informal parties which have been very much enjoyed by the chapter and their lady friends. The fraternal spirit among our men has been of the warmest kind. Every man is a real man and well worthy to wear the Maltese Cross. A more congenial bunch of fellows than ours would be hard to find.

Letters have been sent to a number of our old members, and word has been received from many of them. The letters received from the old men are very interesting, and it is a pleasure to us to note the number who have made good in a large way. We enclose a small part of the information we have received from the alumni. We hope to have as many with us at the close of the year as possible and with this in view invitations are being sent to all of our alumni.

CHARLES M. SMITH.

HILLSDALE.

Beta Kappa now looks back from the end of another year over that which has passed, seeing in that year many features which might have been improved, recalling others which are especially gratifying and encouraging.

As yet this year's college honor roll has not been announced, yet we feel certain of two members upon it—Watson Beach and Avon Adams. Beta Kappa has emphasized especially the scholarship phase of our chapter this year. The monthly cards have been presented and any brother below the average mark of the college has been required to stay in his room for study. In this manner we have not only upheld all in passing, but have attained a higher average than previously. In college activities we have upheld our part, striving to put our college first and to uphold our chapter in our college. In chapter work we have been especially careful of details. Our annals are up to date in details, our paraphernalia is in good condition and the work of the chapter is in fine command of all brothers. We have made an especial effort to interest those alumni who seem to have lost the Alpha Tau spirit, corresponding with these through our building association at least once a month. This,

we think, will bring about a wider and more stable unity. Thus we have attempted to do our best as an organization of our institution. In many ways we have failed; in others we have succeeded. We have at least gained from our work, friends, experience, attainments which would otherwise have been impossible.

Thus our work in outline has been covered and we have profited by it so that next year we may do better. At this time we wish to introduce our new brothers: Watson Beach, Bad Axe, Michigan; Avon Adams, Lansing, Michigan; Edgar Blackman, Hillsdale, Michigan; Kyle Lomason, Bad Axe, Michigan; Ernest Harris, Hillsdale, Michigan; Ernest Rogers, Reading, Michigan; Robert Sawyer, Ithaca, Michigan; John Price, Hillsdale, Michigan. These men are worthy of the gold and blue and we introduce them with pride.

Now we have said little in this letter. We have attempted, however, to display our spirit. We hope it is Alpha Tau type; we are striving to make it of that sort. We now look forward to another new year and wish for all chapters the best year possible. CHAS. P. BARBER.

MICHIGAN.

Dwight Jennings, a member of the Glee Club, made the spring vacation trip of the club through the western coastal states. Harold L. Humphreys has recently been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Three men were successful in the tryouts for the 1916 Michigan Union opera: Lathrop F. Berry, Harry Carlson and Robert B. Frantz. It has been conceded by many newspapers that Berry was the best girl in the chorus. Carlson played a lead, while Frantz was on the stage committee. Harry Carlson represented the chapter at the last conclave of Province II held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

In one of the closest bowling tournaments ever held at Michigan, Beta Lambda succeeded in winning the inter-fraternity league trophy offered for first honor. There were thirty entrants this year. The bowling team consisted of Schmidt (captain), Bancroft, Carlson, Lange and Hicks.

Beta Lambda held its twenty-eighth annual initiation banquet on March 3d at the Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit, Michigan. Lyle M. Clift was toastmaster for the evening. Thomas A. Clark, Illinois Gamma Zeta, and dean of men at the University of Illinois, was the speaker of the evening. Irving Bachellor attended the banquet and gave a short talk. The banquet was held in honor of L. Manning James, Ypsilanti, Michigan; Carl A. Sorling, Moline, Illinois; Robert J. Burghard, Detroit, Michigan; DeForest Buckmaster, Salamanca, New York; Gerald Herrick, Jamestown, New York; George W. Lovell, Crowley, Louisiana; Edwin H. Lyons, St. Johns, Michigan; Robert A. Kimberly, Cleveland, Ohio; Dudley V. Canfield, Alpena, Michigan.

The death of Dr. James Burrell Angell, president emeritus of the University of Michigan, cast a spirit of gloom over the entire campus. Each fraternity sent a delegation to the funeral. The streets along which the funeral cortege passed were lined with students as a last tribute to our beloved "Prexy."

At the last inter-fraternity conference the freshman non-residence rule was reconsidered and the restriction against freshman residing in the house will undoubtedly be withdrawn in the near future.

Fitzgerald Clark, candidate for the varsity track team, is back in training. Clark won his A. M. A. at a recent indoor meet with Notre Dame.

Carl Sorling, a member of the 1915 football reserves, reported for spring practice April 17th. From present indications it is expected that Sorling will have a berth on the varsity next year.

ROBERT J. BURGHARD.

ALBION.

For Beta Omicron this year had been most successful. Athletics, oratory and school activities have all been featured by brother Alpha Taus. R. Daines and L. Daines were the chief mainstays of the basketball team. Vern Slout is captain of our baseball team. Edward Edwards, as a member of the track team, made a record for Michigan in the javelin throw. L. Daines also worked his way to a place as a member of the tennis team.

Harrison and Furey were prominent in debating circles, while Harold Goodfellow and Herbert Wilson have demonstrated their ability by writing articles for the college publication. The coming field day will undoubtedly see Mathews, Harrison and Edwards as prominent point winners for Albion College.

As we look over the past season we know that Alpha Taus have taken probably the most important positions and received the highest scholastic honors of any Greeks on the hill. Another year we expect to do even more.

L. DAINES.

WISCONSIN.

Canoeing, boating and swimming are the recreations which Gamma Tau will enjoy this spring. Our house is now on the shore of Lake Mendota, which is seven miles long and five miles wide. With the proposed improvement of the lake terrace in front of the house, and with the erection of a long pier into the lake, our chapter will have the best facilities for water sports.

The spring formal will be held at the house on May 29th. Spacious porches on the lake front side will be thrown open for dancing. The

dances which the chapter have been giving once a month are splendid. At the last dance, April 21st, the music was furnished by a six-piece saxophone orchestra. A buffet luncheon was served.

The chapter has several members who are exceptionally prominent in the university affairs. Arthur W. Prussing is managing editor of the *Daily Cardinal*. George Ruder managed Wisconsin's championship basketball team. Clifford I. Josephson is general chairman of the senior play which will be given at one of the local playhouses about the time of graduation. Other activities in school in which Alpha Tau Omega men are found are Haresfoot Musical Comedy, *Daily Cardinal*, Scabbard and Blade, honor societies and athletics.

The roll of the chapter is now as large as it has been for some time. The chapter has thirty-two active members. There are four pledges.

The chapter is graduating an exceptionally large senior class this year. They are Clifford I. Josephson, A. W. Prussing, Charles Conover, Glenn Ramsdell, John McKinney, Harry Rawson, James Woodson, Albert DeBolt, Joseph Carson and George Ruder.

HILTON HORNADAY.

PROVINCE III.

COLORADO.

One thought is predominant in the minds of the members of Colorado Gamma Lambda this semester, and that is to have a new chapter house in time for the opening of school next fall. Wilson and Drake, of Denver, have made an active campaign for funds among all our alumni. The results speak for themselves. Enough money has been raised to pay off the indebtedness on our lots; and it is thought that enough additional money has been pledged to start building by the end of the school year.

In school activities the Alpha Taus are holding their usual prominent place. We have a strong baseball team; and prospects for winning the inter-fraternity championship are very bright.

Robert McGraw, captain of the varsity baseball team, started the season in brilliant fashion by pitching a no-hit, no-run game against the State Aggies. Dick Scott won the tennis championship for the fifth successive time in his university career.

While we do not yet lead in scholarship, our policy of requiring weekly reports from the freshmen and monthly reports from the sophomores has greatly improved our standing.

We are working hard on our formal dinner dance which is to be held May 5th and expect to make it an unforgettable affair.

JAMES W. HUFF.

SIMPSON.

Beta Alpha opened the second semester with the pledging of Abram Traub and Frank Beebe. Traub played all-conference quarterback last fall and held down a guard position on the basketball team until ousted by injuries. Beebe, together with Ernest E. Shaw, formed the team representing Simpson in her debate with Kansas Wesleyan.

March 9th Hugh Lundy, '15, entertained the members of Alpha Tau, announcing his engagement to Miss June Skinner, of Syracuse, N. Y. Carl W. Nevius, '17, has also recently announced his engagement to Miss Grace Dryden, A. X. O.

March 31st to April 2d the Simpson Y. M. C. A. was host to the presidents and secretaries of the college Y. M. C. A.'s of the state, at which time A. T. O. enjoyed the opportunity of entertaining the leaders of the conference, under the direction of state student secretary, K. A. Kennedy, of Colorado. A. Clearman, president of the Iowa City Y. M. C. A., was with us at this time.

April 29th the Taus spent a very pleasant evening as the guests of the girls of Mary Berry Hall. The evening was informal and gave a better opportunity for becoming better acquainted with the girls of the dormitory.

The annual basketball tournament under the management of Howard V. Wright and Paul Millhone was very successful and doubly interesting because the local high school won. The Fete Des Fous, held for the purpose of financing the tournament and the invitation track meet, was also the best held thus far. The invitation track meet, April 28th, was under the management of Harold N. Graves, who is as usual leading the sprinters on the track. A. T. O. is also well represented on the baseball diamond as usual.

HOWARD O. SMITH.

IOWA.

Nine men have been initiated since the beginning of our year, and we are mighty glad to present these nine new brothers. Claude McClurg, of Spencer, brother of Clarence McClurg, of Iowa Gamma Upsilon, was playing forward on the freshman five until he transferred to Ames the second semester. Harry Ashway, of Burlington, and Harold Stoner, of Fort Dodge, played freshman football. Lester Sandahl, of Des Moines, is a promising track candidate. Lumer Lorence, of Cedar Rapids, and Harold Walker and "Ole" Olson, of Red Oak, complete the list of freshmen who were initiated. "Ole" has proved his worth by holding down center on the freshman basketball team, and first base on the freshman baseball team. And we are proud of our latest initiates, Theodore Wanerus and George E. Grier, both of Iowa City. Wanerus is secretary of the alumni association and editor-in-chief of the *Alumnus*, the university

alumni magazine. George E. Grier will need no further introduction when it is made known that he is a cousin of George B. Drake, our own Province Chief. But Grier has made himself very much felt in the university. He is cashier of the Citizens Savings and Trust Company, treasurer of the university Y. M. C. A., and is to teach courses in modern banking next year. We expect to profit much by his counsel in regard to financial and other matters.

Recent honors that have come to us are Phi Beta Kappa, to Halford Barry; Tau Beta Pi, to Glenn Hill, and Delta Sigma Rho, to Russell Lemley. Victor Tyler has returned to school this semester. We have elected Harold Stoner as delegate to the local inter-fraternity conference for the coming year, adopting the policy of continuing one man in this office for three years. A baseball team has been organized for inter-fraternity games, and we are perfecting the details of our house-building corporation, in the hopes of eventually being able to keep abreast of the present building tendency shown by other chapters here.

D. D. REYNOLDS.

IOWA STATE.

On the evening of March 8th Gamma Upsilon gave a banquet to celebrate the eighth anniversary of her installation. A number of alumni from Des Moines and Ames were present. Speeches were made after the banquet which were in keeping with the occasion.

On April 17th two men were initiated, I. E. Melhus and L. J. Wallis. Melhus was a member of the old Blackhawk Club, and was its first president. He left school, however, before their charter was granted, and so was not initiated. Recently he returned, to become a member of the faculty, and so became eligible for initiation. He is a fine man and will make a strong booster for Alpha Tau.

We have been visited recently by a number of old men: R. S. Hoyt, who is taking graduate work at Harvard; W. A. Keeny, who is now located in Salt Lake City, and who was varsity track captain in 1912; R. A. Schreiber, who is located with Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson in Des Moines; S. A. McGavern, assistant city engineer at New Ulm, Minnesota, and Wesley King, who was Province Chief while this was still in Province II, and who is now living in Salt Lake City.

R. L. Stevens was recently elected to Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. A. J. Nichols is a member of the college debating team which won the negative in a triangular debate against Purdue on government manufacture of munitions. W. S. Marriott is a member of the varsity tennis team which goes to Lincoln, Nebraska, next week. J. M. Linnan is first baseman on the freshman ball squad.

On April 20th we gave our formal dance at the Ames Country Club. About thirty-five couples were present. Dinner was served at Pike Inn

at 5.30, and dancing began at 7.30. The hall was prettily decorated with fraternity and sorority skins, and with gold and blue crepe paper. One feature of the dance was the programs. These were of brown suede, with an A. T. O. coat-of-arms scarf pin for the men and a coat-of-arms bar pin for the ladies. The scarf pins for the guests were made up with their own coat-of-arms. Every one had an excellent time.

FULTON B. FLICK.

KANSAS.

Although the time of spring fever has come again to Mount Oread, the members of Gamma Mu chapter are too busy to afford the luxury of an attack. At present the most of our efforts are being directed toward the making of a ball team that will bring the pan-hellenic league trophy to the A. T. O. house after the season is over. Our chances are good and we hope to succeed.

Two new members have been added to our number, Romulus Church and Kenneth Keck, and we are busy getting acquainted with them.

In order to keep up the chapter's record in school activities Paul R. Greever got himself elected president of Phi Delta Phi; Willard King went out for varsity baseball, and Guy Waldo and Paul Rathfon made the cast of the senior play.

The freshmen were put to work on the tennis court as soon as the weather permitted and as a result we have one of the best courts in Lawrence.

More activity than has ever been known in the history of the chapter is being manifested in the movement to get a home of our own. A new committee has been appointed and is doing great work.

The chapter will lose about six seniors this spring and plans are being made for a big rushing season next fall to fill the hole that will be left.

We are expecting a visit from Province Chief George B. Drake during the early part of May.

L. PAUL RATHFON.

MINNESOTA.

The prospects for Gamma Nu last fall were not "bright and rosy," only ten actives having signified their intention of coming back to school. Much was done by these ten actives and now that the initiations are over, we have a chapter of twenty-one men and four pledges in school that expect to be initiated in the fall. Five high school men have been pledged to date, and three or four more men will be pledged in the near future. Suffice it to say, we are now enjoying prosperity.

Charles W. Cole is the business manager of the 1917 *Gopher*, and according to all reports this book will surpass any previous *Gopher* and will be the standard for college annuals in the future. Arthur Melin was

elected to the athletic board of control and is now the secretary of that important body. Under the guidance of G. J. A. Eyler, the president of the sophomore academics, that class made a name for itself by the production of a class vaudeville. Too much credit cannot be given to Eyler for his insistent effort. The other brothers are pursuing their usual activities about school with much success.

A unique scholastic contest was conducted by the chapter. Some of the academics were boasting of their scholastic prowess last fall. The professional men listened to this bombast for some time and finally becoming disgusted with such noise did then and there wager a banquet at one of the downtown hotels with the said academics. The contest was based on the number of honor points made by each group. The professionals are now patiently waiting the banquet, and are to be the guests of the academics. Although this contest was started in a jestful mood, still there is something behind it that is beneficial to the scholastic standing of the chapter.

Our baseball team tied for first place last year in the inter-fraternity baseball league. That championship is to be decided this spring when the team will play Phi Kappa Psi. We lost three of our infield of last year, but we hope that the winning combination has not been broken up. At present the outlook is that we will have a better balanced team than we had last year. Our battery will be composed of the veterans of last year's team, Baldwin and Townley. Captain Melin is rounding his men into shape with the hope of winning a leg on last year's cup and winning the cup that is up for this year.

A series of informal dances have been held at the chapter house since the purchase of the new Victrola. A formal party was given several weeks ago with the chapter of Theta Delta Chi at the Hotel Radisson roof garden. Representatives from other fraternities were present by invitation. A party of this kind is an innovation at Minnesota and proved to be very successful. A spring formal is to be held on May 23d at Glen Morris Inn, one of the lake hotels.

J. B. Ladd was a visitor at the chapter house.

FRANK H. BROWN.

MISSOURI.

Due to the fact that I have just read a prominent article in the March PALM on the shortcomings of chapter letters, I am at a loss to know just what to write that I am sure would be acceptable to all readers of the letter. My belief, however, is that chapter letters are rarely read by any one except members of the chapter from which the letter comes. Since I believe this to be true, I shall write my letter on the theory that the chapter letter is an opportunity for the alumnus to learn what is happening in his chapter, and information concerning college activities more properly belong in other articles.

Since our freshmen are to be the future leaders of our chapter, I may fittingly say a few words concerning them as they now appear to us. No, Mr. Alumnus, they are not the best freshmen that we have ever seen "come over the pike." However, they are a normally constituted bunch of "boys," having possibilities of becoming regular "men." As a "safety first" measure, we have again opened up study hall for them lasting from seven until nine every evening. We have found study hall a very paying investment, returns of which are the better standard of work being reported by their instructors. Enough of freshmen!

We have not done as much "stepping out" into society this year as usual. Our last entertainment was a formal dinner dance just before the Easter vacation. (Ask "Stock" Fountain about it!) Without tooting my horn a bit, it was the most successful party we have had within the last five years. We had more good food, flowers, favors and dress suits than you ever heard of before.

W. M. Raines (W. M.) and J. C. Farmer, both freshmen lawyers, could no longer be kept out of Phi Alpha Delta; and R. M. Vifquain, affiliate from the University of Nebraska, and a graduate student in agriculture, has become a victim of Gamma Alpha, a national graduate honorary scientific fraternity.

Now for a few words concerning a thing that is always looked for by us, but which does not happen frequently enough—that is, visits from alumni. We know well enough that all of you would like to come and see us, but you think you are so busy that you cannot take the time. Right there you are wrong, because you can. Just *take* the time, and I'll promise you that you will go away feeling five years younger and with a realization that you have a lot of dormant spirit that you did not know was in you. Lloyd Spragg dropped in during Easter vacation, but unfortunately most of us were away. We only wish that he could have come when we were all here and in action. Heron Fountain came in time to see Missouri "wallop" Ames in baseball.

We have our house and table full, and things are running very satisfactorily at present, but we don't want you to believe it—we want you to come back and see for yourself.

JAMES H. HARKLESS, JR.

NEBRASKA.

The close of the school year finds Gamma Theta showing some marked improvements in many ways. Scholarship, the bugbear of this chapter, has been raised. A. T. O. now stands fourth among the national fraternities, but the chapter will not be satisfied until it stands where it should; *i. e.*, at the top. Financially we are breaking even, but we have plans on foot already for next year by which we will be able to save money. The internal affairs of the fraternity have been extremely enjoyable. The

brothers have tried to make themselves worthy of the pin they bear and have united in making the house a real home.

We have broken away socially from precedent by not giving a formal this year, thinking that the money spent in this way could be put to a better advantage by placing it in our new house fund.

As to school activities, D. D. Marcellus, lead in the junior play, and Jack Elliott, lead in the Kosmet play, have shown real ability as actors. DeWitte Foster was elected business manager of the 1917 *Cornhusker*. Lyman Thomas was art editor of the *Awgwan*. Shaw broke the university record in the shot put. M. B. Chittick was chairman of "University Night." Earl Ketchem won the Omaha Ladies' Club scholarship.

We lose but two men by graduation, M. B. Chittick and Louis Horne. Chances are good, however, of Chittick's return this fall. In spite of sophomore pledging this fall, we will not be handicapped by a small chapter and we are coming back to school resolved to see A. T. O. at the head of the fraternities, scholastically, financially and socially.

We have had visits from Glen Stewart, Elroy Munson, Harry Coffee, "Sy" Harris (Beta Alpha), William Keeney (Iowa Gamma Upsilon) and D. P. Oak (Maine Beta Upsilon).

JOHN WENSTRAND.

WYOMING.

In what was absolutely the most novel, beautiful and unique dance that has ever been given at Wyoming, Gamma Psi more than lived up to her reputation as a peerless entertainer as a result of the fourth annual formal ball, given February 21st. Perhaps the most striking feature of the decorations was the canopy which consisted of delicate blue and gold paper of broad fringed sheets streaming from a brilliantly lighted large emblem of the fraternity in the center of the room. Fine leather card cases for the ladies and billfolds for the men, both of which bore the coat-of-arms in raised metal, served as programs and will be reminders of the delightful occasion in the future. The installation banquet was held, as usual, on March 24th. Speeches and spirit brought forth much favorable comment from the alumni present. The usual good time was had at the customary mid-semester dance given on April 8th.

In Sam Ross, Herbert Sabin and Silas Brooks we have three pledges whom we are sure will help uphold Gamma Psi's enviable standing in years to come.

A straight Alpha Tau line-up made up both varsity debating teams this year. Appleby and Bastian constituted one team and Shingler and Wilcox the other. Peterson also earned a place as alternate. Captain McCracken, Coons and Bastian held down three of the five positions on the championship junior basketball team. Powell, our freshman class president, is the only freshman initiated by the Quill Club this year. Cobb is major of the cadet corps.

Cush and Lytle, of Gamma Lambda, were our guests on March 29th when the Colorado University Glee Club struck town.

By the loss of Cobb, Irwin and Laughlin through graduation in June, the chapter will be greatly handicapped, but by the return of all the remaining men, eleven of whom will be seniors, we expect another good year. Flagg, an Ag man, has left school to take charge of one of the university's experiment farms. He will be with us again next fall.

Many favorable comments have been received from the alumni and various chapters regarding the booklet concerning the chapter and its activities which was written by McCracken. BEN APPLEBY.

PROVINCE IV.

MAINE.

Beta Upsilon is about to close one of her most successful years. Since college opened for the second semester we secured two more initiates, Jones and Upham, both '19.

A house party was given in January and was a most decided success. We are to have another house party in May.

In class activities, Curtis, '16, has the senior class prophecy; Morris, '16, is on the commencement ball committee; McCobb, '17, is on the junior week committee; Jortberg, '18, was pledged by Alpha Chi Sigma, an honorary chemistry fraternity; Abbott, '18, was chairman of the sophomore hop committee.

In athletics McCobb is making good in track, while Jortberg has a good chance of track manager. Stewart made the baseball trip to Massachusetts and without doubt will make his "M." Abbott has a fine show for manager. Chute is also out for track. In hockey Cowen and Merrow made their numerals on the freshman team.

Several of the alumni have favored us with a visit, among whom were G. G. Tilley, M. E. Patten, D. H. Parshley, T. D. Austin, H. O. Burgess, H. Cook, C. Boyle, C. E. York, A. W. Drake, E. C. Goodwin and H. L. Thurston, of Gamma Sigma. L. EARLE MERROW.

COLBY.

We have added another initiate to our roll, William W. Chute, of the freshman class. This raises our present number to thirty-six.

Two much-coveted trophies have been won by the chapter—the cup offered in the Colby fraternity bowling league for the highest team single, and the cup offered by the college to the winner of the inter-fraternity track meet. The track trophy we have reason to be especially proud of, for although the competition was unusually keen, A. T. O. piled up an overwhelming majority at the very start, and finished with a substantial

lead. Robert T. Carey, one of our freshmen, was also tied for one of the medals for the student, who is not a wearer of the "C," scoring the highest number of points. Ross Stanwood was captain of our delegation, and deserves a great deal of credit for loyal work for the chapter.

We have three men out of twelve on the Hallowell prize speaking, Fred A. Pottle, Roy M. Hayes and Daniel J. Sullivan. Robert H. Gallier made the Dramatic Club, in addition to the men given in the last PALM.

John N. Harriman, James B. Conlon, Francis P. Gately and Earle S. Tyler are out for baseball. Gately made the Massachusetts trip, although on account of his being a transfer from Tufts, he will be unable this year to take part in the championship series. The other men are showing up well, and will undoubtedly get a chance to play later in the season.

We are well represented in track, John N. Harriman, I. Ross Stanwood, George E. Ferrell, William D. Gallier, Ralph R. Howes, Seth G. Twichell, Ivan N. Waldron, Robert T. Carey and Horace O. Coolidge being our representatives. Stanwood is the holder of the college record in the shot put, George Ferrell is the college's best sprinter, Howes is Colby's foremost broad jumper, and Waldron held the state championship in the quarter for 1913.

We are approaching the end of the year in a very satisfying condition. Our scholarship would certainly rank among the foremost of the fraternities at Colby. Our financial condition is good, in spite of the many bills coming in as the end of the semester approaches. We expect to lose, however, an unusually large number of men this year. Our sophomore delegation especially will suffer. We are planning on, and, in fact, we must, get a large bunch of good men next fall. We solicit the aid not only of our own alumni, but the chapters in general, to help us in this. If you know of anybody who is coming to Colby next fall, be sure and let us know about him.

We have been visited by the following brothers: Virgil M. Jones, David M. Young, V. Ray Jones, E. W. Stuart, Samuel C. Gates, Leo G. Shesong, Ernest C. Marriner, Thomas J. Reynolds, Lyle P. Stanley, Raymond R. Thompson, Vernelle W. Dyer, James E. MacMahon, Stanley B. Miller, Harold W. Rand, Philip W. Hussey, Norris F. Stevens, John K. Pottle, John R. Lafleur, Leonard K. Thomas and Ray Steel (Washington and Jefferson), now traveling for Burr-Patterson Company.

FRED ALBERT POTTLE.

M. I. T.

Immediately following mid-year vacation the biggest event of the calendar was the biennial conclave held in Boston. During the business session the chapter entertained the visiting brothers at a buffet lunch held at the chapter house. It proved to be a good "mixer" and every one made new acquaintances.

On March 11th the annual initiation banquet was held at the Parker House. About forty brothers were present, including the delegates from the other New England chapters. Willard C. Brown acted as toast-master and introduced as speakers, P. H. Buxton, G. U. Parks, T. D. Lebby, C. B. Easley and Alexander Macomber, as well as the delegates from the other chapters of the province. The occasion will long be remembered by all.

On April 1st we "came out of the shell," as "Mac" is prone to say, and forgot the grind in the enjoyment of a dinner dance held at the chapter house. About twenty couples were present, Mrs. Rowe, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, acting as chaperon. Our only regret was that more alumni were not present.

The fraternity baseball league holds sway at present. Eighteen fraternities are members, these being divided into three leagues of six teams each. Our first game was played on April 12th and, sad to relate, we suffered defeat at the hands of Phi Gamma Delta by a score of 5 to 4, after a ninth-inning blow-up. But the season is young, there is good material at hand, and with the boys working as they are now, we are bound to end around the top. "Larry" Gardner is captain and has "pep" enough for two men, while Tom Lebby looks like a mainstay in the box.

Aside from baseball the chapter has been interested in other student affairs. Hackett and Shultz are working hard for positions on the freshman crew and their success is assured. Shultz has also made the Tech orchestra, which will furnish music for the Tech show. H. B. Gardner has been elected vice president of the Electrical Engineering Society. W. H. Banks has made the freshman baseball team. Gardner and Barry have been elected to Vectors and Buxton has made Theta Tau, the two honorary societies.

Enthusiasm for the coming alumni reunion and dedication of the new Tech runs high around the "stute." Preparations are being made for several thousand alumni. An elaborate program has been arranged which includes everything from banquets and dinners to a great pageant. In this pageant lies the chief interest for the undergraduates. About fifteen hundred students are to take part and over a thousand have already signed up. It is to represent the progress of science and art from their very beginning up to the present time. The chapter is taking an active interest in the reunion and the pageant. We hope that at least fifty of our alumni brothers will return, thus making the affair an A. T. O. reunion as well. A committee consisting of alumni as well as active brothers is making arrangements for the entertainment and housing of the visiting brothers.

It is a pleasure to see that our alumni are continually dropping in. Among those who have visited us during the term were Arthur Nelson, Ernest Kerr, J. B. Welch, E. H. Packard, T. F. Spear, J. H. Enright,

Ned Hubbard, Harold Jenks, Stacy Bates, W. C. Roberts, Jacob Storey and E. W. Chaffee.

We have been pleased also to receive visits from other brothers. S. A. Graham, of Cornell, made a short stay not long ago. He had just returned from South America and had some interesting things to tell of that country. W. S. Sands, of Cornell; Lewis, of Vermont; Stanwood, of Colby, and Brackett, of Maine, have also been visitors.

W. C. PATTERSON.

TUFTS.

With the inauguration of a scholarship contest at Tufts, the members of Gamma Beta are concentrating their attention toward leading the nine fraternities when the marks are announced in September. A new scholarship committee has been elected by the chapter, whose duty it is to aid brothers to higher scholarship. Everybody survived the mid-year trials, and although A. B. Porter, '17, left college recently, our ranks still number twenty-five.

Our baseball team, champions of the intramural league last year, is working hard and bids fair to repeat. Leo A. Porter, '17, having been selected as a catcher on the varsity team, accompanied it on its victorious Southern trip, when the team won all its games, defeating among others, Georgetown, Catholic University, the Army and the Navy. Captain Thorndike has called out the track candidates, and W. F. McKenzie, C. W. Hubon, A. C. Hudson, R. L. McLellan, W. F. Merritt and E. S. Beacham are likely looking candidates for the team. J. C. Geer, L. H. Hammond and R. Beattie went on the Southern spring tour of the musical clubs during the spring recess. E. S. Beacham is a member of Tufts' newly organized wrestling team.

We are making preparations for considerable spring rushing. Many bulbs, seeds and plants have been set in the ground to beautify the exterior of our house, and we are to hold the dansants after the home baseball games on Saturday as an attraction to sub-freshmen. We will have the new men also at the various banquets, junior day, class day and commencement exercises. Our alumni have promised us their aid in helping along the good work. As usual we will have our annual May 30th outing, and are to talk over plans for it at once.

Gamma Beta held a joint meeting with Beta Gamma at their chapter house, April 24th, an entirely new feature for the two chapters, and no doubt a novelty for the province. A baseball game between the two chapters will be played at Tufts, the date now under consideration being May 13th. This teamwork among the chapters is a step which those so near together should attempt more often, and one which is heartily endorsed by Province Chief Macomber.

The chapter turned out in full force to the province conclave, and

brought back many helpful suggestions, which are being applied to good effect. Our finances are sound; our scholarship, though not soaring, is high; the spirit is excellent, and we should finish the year in fine style.

Buxton, Lebby and Milliken, of M. I. T.; Lawton, Pomeroy, Stone, Tomblin and Carlisle, of Worcester; Clifford, of Maine, and Gately, of Colby, have paid us recent visits.

J. C. GEER.

WORCESTER.

The approaching commencement will bring to a close another successful year for Gamma Sigma. She has initiated the men of her first choice; her undergraduates have filled satisfactorily many positions of honor and trust, and the chapter administration and finances have been creditable.

Many Alpha Taus have been elected to prominent places in the last few months. After mid-years C. A. Stone was elected president of the senior class and of the student council; G. M. Pomeroy was elected junior class president, and N. P. Knowlton was chosen sophomore class vice president. T. W. Farnsworth is senior class prophet, and A. C. Bird was on the junior prom committee. G. M. Pomeroy, M. H. Teaze and C. S. Darling were three of ten juniors elected to Skull, the senior honorary society. In the honorary scholarship society elections, M. H. Teaze was chosen to Tau Beta Pi and S. T. Williams to Sigma Xi.

In baseball C. A. Stone is captain, G. M. Pomeroy manager, and R. L. Tomblen, W. S. Warner and C. L. Woodman are members of the varsity squad. A. T. O. has started well toward the championship of the interfraternity league. P. S. Haselton, T. W. Farnsworth and N. P. Knowlton are members of the varsity track team.

In recent literary elections C. S. Darling was chosen editor-in-chief of the 1917 *Aftermath*, and R. K. Prince, associate editor. R. K. Prince was elected business manager of the *Tech News*; C. S. Darling and G. M. Pomeroy, advisory editors; N. C. Firth, associate editor, and P. S. Haselton, news editor. C. S. Darling is president of the *Tech News* Association. N. C. Firth has been elected treasurer of the Y. M. C. A., and he and C. S. Darling are on the cabinet. I. O. Mossberg and C. L. Woodman have been members of the school orchestra.

A. C. Bird played an important part in the Tech show, for which G. M. Pomeroy was advertising manager. N. C. Firth has been elected advertising manager, and J. H. Humphrey, assistant advertising manager, for the 1917 show. P. S. Haselton won the prize offered for the best poster advertising the show. A very successful house party was held in conjunction with the Tech show and junior prom, lasting from March 24th to March 27th. On April 22d the fourth house dance of the year was held.

The biennial conclave of Province IV was attended by twenty-two

Gamma Sigma men. G. M. Pomeroy was the chapter's delegate. L. D. Wood and F. G. Gifford have been the chapter's delegates to the Beta Gamma and Gamma Delta initiation banquets, respectively. The inter-fraternity council at Worcester, which is in its second year, is becoming somewhat more active, and has made several recommendations concerning the rushing and pledging of new men. None of these, however, promise to alter seriously the fraternity situation.

C. S. DARLING.

BROWN.

On April 22d Gamma Delta held its annual initiation banquet in the grill room of the Crown Hotel. There were about thirty-five present, including a large delegation from the M. I. T. chapter, and delegates from every chapter in the province except one. "Cy" Young, '08, was toastmaster, and "Chet" Waters, '05, spoke for the alumni. Burlingame made an impressive speech for the freshmen. Province Chief Macomber, we regret, was unable to be present on account of illness.

The annual meeting of the Rhode Island Gamma Delta Building Association was held immediately following the banquet. A report of the financial standing was made. H. R. Curtis, H. S. Young and C. G. Wright were elected members of the board of directors.

At the present time the question of a postponed rushing season is again being discussed by the fraternities. The system tried last year did not work out successfully in many ways. However, the dean is struggling to retain the main points of last year's system. This year it is proposed that rushing be allowed until the first of November. This means the practical isolation of the freshmen for over a month. Then it is also proposed from the first day of November until the day of pledging to allow the fraternities to spend money on a freshman only once. This is to eliminate the excessive expenditure of money made by many fraternities last year. It is difficult to say now whether this agreement will pass or not. It appears that there are at least eight or ten fraternities who wish to go back to the old catch-as-catch-can method.

On April 15th we entertained about ten sub-freshmen at the sub-freshman banquet. Seven men attended the conclave in Boston on February 22d. Harold R. Curtis was toastmaster at the conclave banquet in the evening.

Our first annual dance in our new house will be held on May 5th. On the evening of class day we expect to hold a dance at the house instead of entertaining at the stand on the middle campus. All the alumni are cordially invited to make their headquarters at the house during commencement.

Levin, '16, was manager of the senior class basketball team. He went to New York and Poughkeepsie on the spring trip of the glee clubs.

Knights, '17, and Staples, '17, are on the track squad. The inter-fraternity baseball season is now in full swing and we hope to get away with a few games. Dursin is on the senior-sophomore ball committee. Burlingame, '19, is out for the tennis team. Dursin had the honor to be elected to Sigma Xi.

We have had visits from Gleason, '11; Campbell, '05; Rowe, of M. I. T., and others.

H. T. SAMSON.

VERMONT.

At the time of writing of the last PALM letter mid-year examinations were claiming all our attention. Although these are now more or less of a back issue, we would like to state that every A. T. O. survived. A recent announcement of the relative scholastic standing of the fraternities in college does not place us at the head, but credits us with an average of between 75 per cent. and 80 per cent., which is considered very good. It might be interesting to add that the average of all the fraternity men was 72 per cent., while that of the non-fraternity men was 69 per cent.

While we have had but few social events during the last two or three months, our men have played important parts in a wide variety of college activities. In the class basketball series which was run off during the winter, we had men on three of the teams: Bean and Dix for the seniors, the Adams brothers for the sophomores, and Wilson and Dutton for the freshmen. Wilson was also manager of his team. The importance of positions on these teams is apparent when we consider that Vermont will probably have intercollegiate basketball next year. Bean has also been shooting well on the rifle team and has a prominent part in "Twelfth Night," the play which is to be produced junior week by the Dramatic Club, of which he is president. Churchill is chairman of the junior week committee and has recently been elected president of the Agricultural Club. He will represent this club at the meeting of the New England Confederation of Agricultural Colleges to be held at Durham, New Hampshire, April 28th. Scott is chairman of the senior prom committee. Brown, '18, is manager of class baseball. In a week or two now every man will probably be busy with a pick or shovel working on the new athletic field which is to be built largely by the students. And by the time this letter is published, our junior week dance will be a thing of the past. This is to be held on May 19th at the Ethan Allen Club.

F. R. Churchill represented us at the initiation banquet of Massachusetts Gamma Sigma at Worcester and "Art" Lewis at that of Massachusetts Beta Gamma at Boston. V. G. Dodds and Prof. C. H. Gaines, of St. Lawrence, were here with the debating team and stayed at the chapter house.

Friends of the late Professor Merrill will be interested to learn that

plans are being made to have his rooms in the "Old Mill" remodeled into faculty club rooms. This will be a fitting memorial to the professor who was so honored and beloved by all.

R. C. BROWN.

PROVINCE V.

ST. LAWRENCE.

As this letter is written, the chapter has just finished conducting what proved to be one of the most successful fraternity balls in the recent history of the university. The annual formal dances given by the local chapter of Beta Theta Pi and by our chapter are the big social events of the college year at St. Lawrence. The present dance was characterized especially by a large number of out-of-town guests, unique programs and decorations.

The article in the last PALM by Thomas Arkle Clark rather upset some of our orthodox and conventional ideas on the subject of chapter-letter writing, didn't it, fellow P. C.'s? "Cut out the self-praise," he says. Well it's hard to be modest, Brother Clark, when your chapter finishes the first semester of the college year with the highest average of any of the men's fraternities, being six points above the second on the list and no less than eleven higher than our greatest rivals, when not a man living in the house flunks an hour, when we have only one "bust" and all the rest of the fraternities have two. In addition to this, it would require considerable modesty to conceal the fact that Noble, '18, has been elected captain of next year's basketball team—probably one of the first junior basketball captains in our athletic history, and that, further, three of the six basketball "L's" went to our men. Two of the brothers, Taylor, '17, and Sutton, '17, made an honorary literary society. Taylor was chairman of the committee which had charge of a very successful junior banquet, has made a part in the play being given by the dramatic society, and is the new managing editor of the *Hill News*. Two of his five assistants in this latter office are Dodds and Dullea, of the freshman class. Miller, '18, is an assistant business manager of the publication. Other assistant managers of whom great things are expected are Blake, '17, in track; Frost, '17, in baseball, and Reynolds, '18, in dramatics. The chapter is continuing the rushing campaign which was used first last year, namely, getting in touch with men who will enter college in the fall.

H. S. SUTTON.

CORNELL.

On April 1st Beta Theta was honored in having Nathan F. Giffin, Worthy Grand Chief; Max. S. Erdman, Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer; Claude T. Reno, Worthy Grand Scribe, and Victor Frey, Chief of

Province V, in attendance upon its annual initiatory ceremonies. Owing to the complete demoralization of the second-term rushing association on the day preceding that on which pledging was to begin, we pledged only six men, preferring to wait until the excitement had subsided to pick the remainder of our class. Since that time we have pledged three more men.

With the opening of the baseball season we are represented by F. J. Clary and R. K. Austin, first and second varsity catchers, and by W. H. Sutterby, varsity pitcher. H. C. Drescher has made the varsity lacrosse team. G. D. Stahl is rowing with the first varsity crew combination, and Alan Ross is in competition for the managership of crew.

Beta Theta is making investigations preparatory to launching a campaign for a new chapter house in the near future. The advice and counsel of our alumni is solicited.

The chapter will entertain the fraternity men of Cornell and their guests with an informal dance on the evening of May 19th. A senior week house party will be held this year as usual, which promises to be in harmony with our former social successes.

E. G. Greening and wife visited the chapter recently on their return from a honeymoon in Bermuda.

H. C. DRESCHER.

MUHLENBERG.

Since the last letter to the PALM, several events of importance have occurred at Alpha Iota which are deserving of special mention.

According to comprehensive plans drawn up for new buildings and the general rearrangement of the college campus, no space has been set aside for fraternity houses. Alumni brothers, therefore, drew up plans for the improvement and beautifying of our home on South Fourteenth Street. The active chapter took hold of the proposition eagerly and were soon busy tearing up rooms.

The first room affected was the chapter room, in which more space for meetings was made by the demolition of a small closet. The color scheme for the walls, furniture and draperies was arranged by John McCollom, '08. Two more rooms on the second floor are undergoing improvements in the artistic renovation of the house. Partitions between the two front rooms on the first floor will be cut out so as to make one large room, which will be used for dances and informal meetings of the brothers. By next September, it is believed, the house will be ready to share more fully its purpose as a home.

Efforts toward greater internal unity and a closer relationship between the chapter and the large number of alumni in Allentown have been the aims of Alpha Iota this semester. To that end every Sunday afternoon has been set aside as "entertaining" day on which a portion of the brothers meet the older men. These informals have occasioned an increasing

interest in matters fraternal, and we hope all Taus who are in Allentown on a Sunday will make it their duty to drop in and take the opportunity of either forming new or renewing old friendships.

We are glad to announce the pledging of Henry Heuer, of Philadelphia from the freshmen class. Heuer is a member of the Glee Club and a probable "M" man in track this spring. Charles Steel is showing splendid form in the quarter-mile this year, and is expected to lower the college record. Captain Ritter, Afflerbach and Witmer won monograms in basketball. Among some of the honors we have won at elections this spring are business manager of the 1918 *Ciarla* by Steel and an associate editorship of the same by Shimer. Shout was chosen business manager of the *Muhlenberg Weekly* for next year.

All the brothers are awaiting anxiously for the annual dance which will be given at the Hotel Allen, May 5th. Nearly twenty alumni have promised to be present at this affair, our only formal function of the year.

RAYMOND LEEHUIS.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Pennsylvania Alpha Pi is in a flourishing condition in spite of the fact that we have lost four men: Millard Whitehill, Donnan Rodgers, A. L. Gault and pledge Wilbur Henry. Two of the four have quit because of illness and will be back next year.

We expect to initiate five men on April 29th and about one hundred invitations have been sent out to alumni. All five initiates are splendid men and leaders in collegiate activities. John Tressel won his letters in basketball this year.

E. C. Reich, E. F. Schwoppe and P. E. Drew are members of the track team. A. G. Bane, J. C. Booth, John Tressel and Emmet Bixler are out for baseball. Bixler looks like a fixture in the short field.

J. A. Lewis and D. I. McAlister were on the debating team and were elected secretary-manager and vice president, respectively, of the Debating Association. On the Ohio trip McAlister visited Ohio Beta Eta and Beta Omega and was cordially received by both chapters. Since then Alfred McElroy, of Ohio Beta Eta, has visited us. We extend a cordial invitation to all brothers to drop in and see us whenever they are in the vicinity.

On the night of April 1st the chapter gave a dinner dance for the active men and alumni. Seventeen couples were present. Other social affairs are planned for the commencement season which promise to surpass anything heretofore attempted.

Washington and Jefferson is planning to celebrate the Shakespearean tercentenary by staging "A Comedy of Errors" on the campus. Several of the brothers intend to try out for the production.

Albert B. Bane was our delegate to the conclave of Province V held at Pennsylvania Alpha Rho.

D. I. McALISTER.

LEHIGH.

The chapter has more than realized its keenest desires for a house on the campus in our beautiful new home which, although long in coming, was completed for occupation about February 15th.

The location of the new house is exceptionally good. It is situated at the very top of the campus near the entrance to Sayre Park, commanding an excellent view of the Bethlehems and the beautiful Lehigh Valley, intensified by the far-distant range of the Blue Ridge.

In construction and architecture the house is singularly attractive. The ground floor is of rough red brick with an imposing approach of two sets of steps leading to a long concrete porch of brick sides. The two upper stories are of stucco, done in Old English style.

As to the interior the first floor is composed of seven rooms: To one side is a den, a spacious living room, which leads into an attractive reception hall; to the other side is a billiard room, a dining room, a cheery breakfast room and pantry. On the second floor there are seven study rooms, two of which accommodate three, and the rest two men, and a bath. On the third floor there are three study rooms, two large dormitories and a bath.

The possibility of acquiring our long-wished for home has been accomplished by the combined efforts and the generous donations of our worthy benefactors, J. M. Raine, J. W. Raine and other alumni. It was the brothers Raine who for years entertained the idea of what a house for our chapter should be, and it was they who started the work, and to whom most of the credit must be given. We cannot well enough express, in behalf of the chapter, of brothers Raine the deepest feelings of gratitude that we cherish for them. We wish to assure all the alumni sincerely that this is their home as well as ours and hope that they will often come to share with us the comforts that they have so generously made possible for us. We hope that more words will not be necessary to urge the alumni to return and return *often*.

On Saturday, March 25th, Alpha Rho held the eighth biennial conclave of Province V. All the chapters in the province were well represented, some sending as many as four or five delegates. In the morning there was a short business meeting, during which we heard of the prosperous condition of all the chapters and held a discussion on the advisability of certain clubs. In the afternoon there was another business meeting when we heard the interesting facts concerning the history of our chapter house, upon which subject J. M. Raine spoke at length. Province Chief Fry presided as chairman at both of these meetings. In the evening we held the conclave banquet. There were several noteworthy speeches by Worthy Grand Chief Giffin and Worthy Grand Scribe Reno upon the history of Alpha Tau Omega and the founders. Province Chief Fry presided as toastmaster.

The active chapter is now composed of sixteen men and one freshman

pledge: Four seniors, four juniors, four sophomores and four freshmen. Besides our active chapter we have with us an ex-freshman who will undoubtedly return to college next fall, and "the peer of Dixie field-goalers," W. C. Cahall, who has so notably figured in the football history of Lehigh in the past three years.

Scholastically and socially our standing is very good. We lost only one man on account of studies this year, and we have one man who is Tau Beta Pi and Phi Beta Kappa, and another who has recently been elected to Tau Beta Pi. Our standing compares very favorably with the other fraternities at Lehigh. All the freshmen are out for some sort of athletics, and we are very well represented in the college clubs and honorary societies, such as Kappa Beta Phi, Cyanide Club, Cotillion Club, Mustard and Cheese, Dramatic Club and Sword and Crescent Club.

In the past month we have been very fortunate in receiving visits from many alumni, among whom were: Sturges, Fry, Hauser, Blank, Goyne, Brinton, Hart, Perley, J. M. Raine, Toohey, Goll, Bonander, Muthart, T. J. Bray, Missinger and Watrous.

The chapter has sustained an irreparable loss this year in losing J. M. Prickitt, who died on March 10th, after a short illness. Prickett was, to say the least, one of the most valuable and truest men in the chapter. He represented the chapter in nearly every club in college, and was most active in the everyday chapter affairs which count so much. It is with the feelings of deepest sorrow when we say that he can never be replaced by another.

GEORGE G. JONES.

GETTYSBURG.

In looking back over the events of the past year, Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon can find little that does not add to her prestige and honor. We have maintained our place of prominence in every form of student activity. Valuable men have represented us in football, in basketball, and upon the musical clubs. At present J. E. Mahaffie and L. K. Scheffer are valuable units of the baseball nine, and G. E. Scheffer and J. C. McFall are out for track. We have, moreover, maintained a standard of scholarship that may well be used to refute the arguments of those who would oppose fraternities on the grounds of poor scholarship.

Recently we sent to each of our alumni a letter explaining in detail the present status of the chapter, and recounting the events of the year.

On Monday evening, June 5th, we will hold our annual commencement dance, and on the following evening our banquet, at which we expect to have a large representation of our alumni.

Lately we have enjoyed visits by C. W. Baker, Franklin Menges, L. N. Phillipy and J. C. Myers. The chapter extends to all a cordial welcome.

STEWART E. DUFF.

PENN STATE.

At last spring is here and with it its attendant activities. In baseball we are well represented. H. E. Baughman, '16, is on the pitching staff, while J. H. McCauley, '18, is on the receiving end of the battery. Our interests are upheld on the track by H. R. Pickett, '16, in the high jump; M. P. Lewis, '17, in the distances; D. G. Enoch, '18, in the sprints and broad jump. On the freshman squad L. L. Wallace is doing good work. M. P. Lewis is on the lacrosse team as well. "Milt" Bishop, '16, won his letter for varsity basketball, and Pickett, '16, again received his letter for wrestling. "Bun" Longdon, '18, has a good chance for assistant track manager. The freshmen are working hard along the lines of managerships. D. E. Hubbard and H. B. Ellinger are out for assistant football managership. F. P. Smith is out for assistant business manager of *Froth*, while D. T. Shenton is out for the art staff of the same. G. E. Braker, '18, is working hard for assistant manager of *La Vie*, the college year book. W. W. McMain, '18, has added another credit to his abilities along musical lines by being made assistant business manager of the quartet. M. J. Wilson, '18, made the Glee Club at the recent trials. B. J. Fair, '17, has shown his scholastic ability by being elected into Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity.

Socially speaking, Gamma Omega had a most lively evening at a dance held April 14th. About fourteen couples were present and lots of "pep" was displayed.

At the last initiation D. J. Kistler, '17; G. E. Braker, '18; R. S. Etter, '18, and L. L. Wallace were taken in. Ralph Hartman, '19, was pledged.

Recent visitors to the chapter have been Mahaffie, of Gettysburg Alpha Upsilon; Dale, of Ohio Alpha Psi, and Guy McWreath, of our own chapter. We have also been favored by visits from Wright, Cates, Alberts, Ham, Severson and Smith, of the faculty.

M. J. WILSON.



PENNSYLVANIA TAU.

The Greek-letter world at Pennsylvania is looking forward to some important changes in the inter-fraternity agreement as a result of the rushing season just closed. Competition was so keen under the present agreement that violations were so frequent and common as to make a change imperative.

Thanks to the generous support of the alumni, we secured fifteen freshmen—an unusually large number for this chapter to take in. Six states are represented in this group of new men.

The alumni association of Penn Tau has been reorganized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. With the reorganization has come some effective work on the new house proposition. James F. Magee, of the class of '87, as president, is devoting most

of his time and energy to the task and we are confidently looking forward to a new house in the near future.

Under activities, the following is to be noted: Sewell, Webber and Lewis are in Mask and Wig; Eising is on *The Pennsylvanian*, *Red and Blue* and Punch Bowl; Berry on track and baseball teams; Peterson and Baker on basketball squad; Stebbins and Taber are out for lacrosse. Lehmann is doing the plunging for the swimming team.

G. W. WALTON.

PROVINCE VI.

NORTH CAROLINA.

About the most important event of the last few months in the eyes of Alpha Delta is the fourth biennial conclave of Province VI, which was held on February 14th and 15th with the two chapters at Carolina and at Trinity as joint hosts. The delegates and visitors were Province Chief Beverley D. Tucker, Jr., of Charlottesville, Va.; Reuben A. Lewis, of Virginia Beta; W. R. Abbot, of Virginia Delta; G. L. B. Rivers and T. P. White, of South Carolina Beta Xi, and G. M. Carver and F. B. Brown, of Durham, North Carolina. On the first night of the conclave a banquet was given to the visitors in Durham under the auspices of North Carolina Xi. After the second business meeting we had a dance in our house in Chapel Hill. On the whole the conclave was a fine and profitable affair.

We began this term by initiating James D. Poag, of Greenville, South Carolina, making our fourth man in the active chapter from there.

The next day Robert S. McNeill, '09, of Fayetteville, returned to take law. We were all glad to have him back and he made the fifteenth man in the active chapter.

We have not been as active in extra curriculum activities this spring as we might have been, nevertheless we have some men doing outside things. McD. Lewis is playing star ball at third on the varsity. Hugh Black, who made his letter on the track last spring, has not been in any meets this year on account of injuries received in practice. Hoke Black is managing the baseball team. Hugh Black has been initiated into the Order of the Oasis, and Henry Wilson into Sigma Upsilon, literary. Dougald MacMillan has a part in the Shakesperean pageant to be given about the first of May.

We have had a fairly successful year and our relations with the other fraternity men in college have been of the most desirable sort.

We have had visits from the following lately: The Trinity chapter several times; the Whites, of Mebane; Cameron MacRae; the Gladney brothers, of Washington and Lee, and Baughman, of Penn State.

HUGH SMITH.

TRINITY.

Since the last issue of the PALM, delegates from each of the five chapters in Province VI have convened for the fourth biennial conclave held in this province. These delegates were guests of the two North Carolina chapters, Alpha Delta and Xi, Monday and Tuesday, February 14th and 15th. The proximity of Trinity College and the University of North Carolina made such a joint entertainment quite practical and desirable.

From the reports of the five chapters to the business meeting of the conclave it is evident that Alpha Tauism is on the steady incline in this province. The active membership of the province has increased to a point which has never before been attained, and the part played by Alpha Taus in all mentionable college activities is much above the average.

As the time approaches for the election of students to various honor positions for the next college year, several of our men are in line for different places. J. W. Smoot, who for two years has served as assistant manager of baseball, is hot in the race for the 1917 managership. J. H. Ruff, who for three seasons has been one of the varsity track team's most reliable sprinters and point-scorers, will probably be captain of next year's team. H. E. Newbury is in line for the office of manager of the 1917 track team. Banks Arendell is one of the likely candidates for the editorship of next year's *Chronicle*, the college weekly. For managership of the college Glee Club for the next college session J. E. Bennett seems to be the leading candidate. At a recent meeting of the governing board of the *Chanticleer*, the college annual publication, R. K. Courtney was elected assistant business manager.

We have recently been favored with the visits of several of our brothers from the neighboring Alpha Delta chapter. W. A. Thorne, who was graduated from Trinity in 1915, and who is now employed in the DuPont Powder Works at Hopewell, Virginia, was a welcome visitor to the chapter recently.

This year the chapter has decided to depart from the regular custom of having a formal banquet during commencement week. An elaborate and enjoyable house party has been mapped out for a week directly after the close of college. The house party will take place at Loch Lilley, a country club about thirty miles from Durham. The locality is ideal for such an event, and the members of the chapter are looking forward to having an exceptionally pleasant week with various girl friends.

J. W. SMOOT.

CHARLESTON.

As the scholastic year is drawing to a close, the members of the chapter are working hard to make it one which will reflect credit on Beta Xi. The four seniors especially are getting ready for the approaching exami-

nations. In spite of the extra work which he has been doing, Rivers, a senior, managed to take second place in the college oratorical contest and is a member of the college debating team.

In the recent Shakespearean tercentenary celebration held under the auspices of the college, the brothers took an active part. C. Waring was in charge of the ushering, etc., and J. Waring was chairman of the committee of "pages."

The chapter has Pinckney as a representative on the baseball team. Ravenel and Simons recently took a trip to Savannah for a golf tournament in which they showed up very well.

On April 24th the annual German given by Beta Xi was held in the Hibernian Hall. The brothers worked hard and decorated the hall most tastefully. The dance was quite a success, and the many alumni and friends who attended seemed to enjoy it thoroughly. In a recent election, J. Waring was named as chairman of the committee for the college ball in 1917.

A smoker given to the alumni at the rooms turned out well. Plans were proposed for the reorganization of the Charleston Alumni Association and a date was fixed for a meeting at which definite steps should be taken toward this end. There seems to be a general enthusiasm among the alumni for the firm establishment of the association, and it is hoped that the proposed measures will be successful.

The chapter was gratified to receive visits from alumni lately. Puckett (Sewanee) and Wilson, who has just returned from China, were among the number. McCrady, Heyward, Planck, Bull and others have been with us at various times.

J. I. WARING, JR.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Great possibilities in managerial circles are offered to Virginia Beta. Matthew W. Paxton, Jr., has been elected assistant manager of the varsity basketball team, thus giving the chapter assistant managers in football, baseball, track and basketball.

In basketball Cy Young, as captain, was the only Alpha Tau to earn a monogram, although Wadsworth made the Northern trip and was first substitute. In baseball Young, the versatile, is playing in center field, while T. S. Jones will probably earn a coveted trident at third base. Jesse Wadsworth is assistant manager of the team and will come up for election before the close of the 1916 session. E. D. Crocheron is trying out for assistant.

The newest monogram wearer is Edward Lee Gladney, one of the newly initiated. Gladney earned a letter by placing in the South Atlantic tourney in the 440-yard dash. He has a bright future as a sprinter in this event, according to the coach. J. B. Gladney is assistant manager of the varsity track team and is also participating in the 880-yard run. E. D.

Campbell is offering for assistant in track and coxswain on the first crew. Hampton Scovell, one of our freshmen, is making a strong showing for the first crew. Larry Morgan and Bobby Blankinship offered for track, while Jack Ferguson is a candidate for pitcher on the freshman team.

In the election of the Thirteen Club, T. S. Jones, Bruce F. Woodruff and J. Bonner Gladney were honored with membership. There were two to be elected to Omicron Delta Kappa, the university honorary society, they being Reuben A. Lewis and Bruce F. Woodruff.

Several events have enlivened the routine of college life. The student body engineered a mock Republican national nominating convention. After being in session for two days, Justice Charles E. Hughes was determined upon as the nominee. Lewis edited the convention organ, *The Clarion*.

To celebrate the passing of the freshman bonnet, the class of 1919 staged a hilarious event on the eve of Easter Sunday. Quite a number of our freshmen participated in the riotous affair. The inter-fraternity baseball season has begun and Virginia Beta, at this writing, has hope.

Virginia Beta will be quartered in the same house next year, although plans are on foot to procure a permanent chapter hall.

REUBEN A. LEWIS.

VIRGINIA.

As time goes by, Virginia Delta realizes more and more what a blessing the new chapter house is to her. It comes up to our expectations in every way and is enjoyed by every one. The house is handsome without and within and thoroughly comfortable.

Since the last writing things have been getting on splendidly. In the various college activities we are well represented. W. R. Abbot has won his letter in track and F. S. Barr has been elected editor-in-chief of the University of Virginia *Magazine* for the coming session. Charles Henderson is vice president of this year's engineering class. At the present writing the South Atlantic championship meet is being held, and we are expecting great things of W. R. Abbot, who will probably run the mile.

The goats are going to give the chapter a soiree on next Saturday.

As to scholarship, the chapter as a whole has taken a good stand in the two sets of examinations which have been taken already, and in the final set the stand of the chapter should be a good one.

Charles Henderson has been taken into the Lambda Pi Society, and John Abbot into the Imp. Society.

RICHARD H. COCKE.

PROVINCE VII.

MOUNT UNION.

In an attempt to make the initiation service more impressive, Ohio Alpha Nu tried a plan this year of devoting an entire afternoon and evening to the ceremonies, closing with an informal dinner. A number of alumni were present and the plan worked out very well. The following day, Washington's Birthday, the annual banquet was held at the Bruner. Province Chief Thompson and Dean Bowman were special guests. Open house for the men of the college was observed May 8th.

In school activities we have fared well since the last issue of the *PALM*, Andler having been elected football manager and Walker business manager of the weekly. Fletcher will edit the *Unonian* next year. Woods, the present editor, is also one of our men. Lindsay and Shaffer are members of the baseball team, and Andler and Stauffer are our representatives on the track squad. Bowman was a member of the junior prom committee and Ray McClean gave the toast of welcome to the senior class. Woods will give the scientific oration at commencement.

On Friday, June 9th, a picnic will be held at the Alliance Country Club and on Wednesday, June 14th, the annual stag banquet for the alumni will be given. Every alumni member of the chapter is urged to be present.

RAYMOND FLETCHER.

WITTENBERG.

We are gradually approaching the last milestone of this year's school term. Alpha Psi has achieved many honors through the past year and has bright prospects for the coming fall. She has been very faithful in college activities and the honors which were conferred upon her have been justly granted.

Our athletic achievements might be mentioned first. Stanley Netts, who was chosen all-state guard on the first team, has been recently elected captain of the basketball squad for next year, and Forest Touchman will be the new football manager. This gives us football and basketball captains for the coming year, while Betchel, the football captain, was chosen all-state guard on the second team. Frank Burns has been elected manager of the freshman baseball team. The chapter has seven men on the baseball squad.

Read Huhn was elected president of the sophomore class, this giving to our chapter two class presidencies.

A new member, Wilber Baxter, was initiated into Alpha Tau on the night of April 3d. The chapter gave a banquet in his honor, April 6th. Wilber Baxter is one fine fellow and will make us a good man. He is to entertain the chapter and prospects with a dinner and smoker on the evening of May 6th.

The seniors who are soon to reach their destination in college life are Virgil Cory, Hiran Petty and Howard Dunmire. The latter is to give the ivy oration on the first day of commencement.

We have received visits from the following alumni: Craut, one of our charter members; Beech, Woodward, Schmidt, Hersh, Kline, Myrl Miller, who is attending school at Reserve, and has received an appointment to West Point; McGrew, Hochdorfer, Ness, McKinney, Little, Roach and the Diehl brothers.

FRANK M. BURNS.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

Beta Eta thus far has had a prosperous year. We consider the semester just passed a success from every standpoint. The smooth running of the chapter gives promise to a very successful close. Our finances and scholarship are up to its usual standard.

Our initiation on February 19th of seven freshmen makes us a number of twenty in the active chapter and three pledges. The ability of the freshmen to fall in line has been wonderful, which will mean a good chapter in the future.

This being the opening of the baseball season, finds us with four regular players and the student manager. Knodle, Mitchell and McCown being infielders; Battenfield, an outfielder, and Vogler, the manager. While our team was in Louisville, Kentucky, on its Southern trip the boys were royally entertained by the Kentucky State chapter and they desire to express their thanks for their cordial treatment in this way. In other athletics we have three men in track and the student manager. Two freshmen are also on their class baseball team.

Socially we have had two parties and three smokers this semester. The first dinner party given by the freshmen and the other in honor of our eight A. T. O. sisters in school. These affairs proved to be very enjoyable. We are making plans for a big picnic in the near future and also we expect to celebrate a Father's Day about the middle of May.

The spring elections for the student offices have just closed and we got our share of the plums in proportion to the number of fraternities at Ohio Wesleyan.

Since our last letter we have had visits from Potts, Maine, Boone, Graham, Hulse and Smith, from this chapter; Bulger, Armstrong, Waite, Soleleather and Peat, from Ohio State, and nearly the whole of Alpha Psi when they played basketball here for the championship of Ohio, in which Wesleyan won in a most exciting game by the score of 27 to 24.

ARTHUR R. REID.

RESERVE.

The pan-hellenic council at Reserve has lately changed the "freshman rushing rules," the old rules being very unsatisfactory. The new system

to be in force for the coming year provides for rushing of all sub-freshmen living within the county after undergraduate day in June. Then coincident with the opening of school in the fall begins a week of "campus rushing" to be followed by a week of "house rushing." Pledge day follows and then unlimited rushing and pledging.

Of the five "R's" awarded for service on the basketball team, we received three: Sunderland, '16; Schuele, '16, and Carlson, '17. Carlson will be elected captain of next year's team. The baseball team has just returned from a trip about the state. Baird, '16; Stitt, '17, and Wolfe, '16, take care of the outfield; Schuele, '16, first base; Carlson, '17, third base, and H. E. Smith, '16, catcher.

On June 16th Gamma Kappa will hold its annual "round-up" at the Hotel Statler. We expect to have present a better percentage of the initiates of this chapter than last year when over ninety per cent. attended. A chapter picnic to take place some time early in June is also being planned.

Bryan, an alumnus of Georgia Alpha Theta, who is now a professor of German at Oberlin College, recently visited us on meeting night, and gave the brothers an inspiring talk. We learned something of the true Alpha Tau spirit that is active in the hearts of our alumni.

R. J. MCCONOUGHNEY.

PROVINCE VIII.

KENTUCKY.

Mu Iota is in excellent condition to finish this school year with colors flying, and to come back at one hundred fighting strength for the battle of 1917. There are twenty-three men in the active chapter now; three pledges will be taken in this coming May, and we lose only four men by graduation, T. C. Taylor and J. W. Thompson from the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, R. A. Wallace from the Agricultural College, and W. C. Martin from the Arts and Science College. This is a small loss from the standpoint of numbers only, as the chapter never has lost, nor will it ever lose, any more devoted and loyal brothers than these have been. Taylor has served the chapter, first as Worthy Usher, then as Worthy Keeper of Exchequer and is now Worthy Master. The present strength and bright outlook of the chapter is largely due to his loyalty, and to the judgment he has exercised in directing the chapter work during the time he has held the office of Worthy Master.

The chapter has established itself more firmly than ever as one that stands for the very best things in the university. Three men are receiving "A" reports in practically all their subjects, and a large majority of the others are doing excellent class work. B. N. Peak has been elected president, and H. L. Milward vice president of the Y. M. C. A., and there

are two other A. T. O.'s on the cabinet. G. H. Hill is captain and adjutant of the battalion of cadets; T. E. Peak won the medal for the best drilled sophomore cadet, and R. L. Duncan won the gold medal offered by the Union Literary Society for the best declamation. D. S. Springer made Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering fraternity; Frank Heick has been taken into the Keys, which is the freshman honorary fraternity; and L. T. Wheeler and H. L. Milward have been made members of the Mystic Thirteens, the sophomore honorary fraternity. Ernest McIlvain at right field, and "Boo" Ireland as sub-pitcher, are doing good work on the baseball team. We are very proud of these individual accomplishments, but are still more proud of the work the chapter as an organization is doing.

We are elated over the prospect of being in a house of our own by February 22, 1917. We have enough cash on hand to purchase a lot and enough notes signed to build a nice home for the chapter. Each active member is writing a personal letter to several of the alumni, unfolding to them our plans and soliciting their interest and support. Early Ewan as treasurer, Brigman as president, and Fox as vice president of the house fund corporation, are the men whom the members of the active chapter have to thank for the brilliant prospect which we have every cause to believe will become a reality in the near future.

With twenty-three active men returning in September; with the information that we will receive in response to letters that will be mailed in July, asking all alumni about new men, and with the good reputation that the chapter now has, Mu Iota will carry everything before it in the school year of 1916 and 1917. We ask the co-operation of all the brothers in making Mu Iota a chapter that will reflect greater honor each year on Alpha Tau Omega.

H. L. MILWARD.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.

Numerous activities have demanded the attention of Tennessee Alpha Tau during the last few months, chief among which was the campaign conducted by the citizens of Clarksville in the interest of the university. The object was to raise twenty-five thousand dollars for a sanitary kitchen and refectory. The campaign lasted four days and Tennessee Alpha Tau loaned her hearty co-operation to make it a success. On the last day of the campaign the fraternity in a body masqueraded and humorously represented some phase of the campaign, as well as some of those who would work in the new refectory. This parade made quite a hit, and helped the campaign, as well as advertised the liveness of the chapter. Our fraternity was the only one which entered so fully and heartily into everything. The student body raised twenty-five hundred dollars to build a sanitary natatorium. This was besides the twenty-five thousand raised by the city.

Preparations are being made for the final banquet of the year. It is to be held at the country club "Idaho," about three miles from town. Every brother is looking forward to it with eager interest.

Banks and pledge Shaw have made varsity baseball, and Martin has been elected manager of the football team for next year.

A. BOSCH.

VANDERBILT.

Since the last PALM letter, things have been going along finely with Vanderbilt and Beta Pi. At present the interest of the university is centered in a campaign to secure a \$1,000,000 endowment fund. Of this amount \$800,000 has been pledged on the condition that the students, faculty and alumni raise \$200,000. The response on all sides has been most encouraging, though the campaign is hardly well under way yet. The students are doing their part. A Glee Club performance, a Stunt Night by the Y. W. C. A., several subscription dances and other entertainments have netted good sums. Beta Pi indefinitely postponed her spring dance and contributed to the endowment fund the amount that would have been spent for that purpose. So far in the baseball season Vanderbilt is undefeated. The team is the best that has represented the university in some time.

In the fraternity league Alpha Tau has a percentage of 500, having won from the D. K. E.'s, 6 to 5, and lost to the Kappa Alphas, 3 to 2. Both games were hotly contested.

On Saturday, April 22d, the fraternity entertained with a boat trip on the Cumberland. About twenty good Alpha Taus and so many fair ones made the trip. It was a success from every standpoint, and so much so that it will be repeated on May 13th.

At the recent Owl Club election two Alpha Taus, Nash Johnson and George Evans, were chosen for membership. This club is the junior honor club of the university.

In a literary contest between the Blue Pencil and Prentice Clubs, two of the three events were won by Taus, Ridley Wills and Clopper Almon.

We are glad to report the acquisition of a new brother, Sanford Scott. He is a brother of the Scott of football fame from our old rival, Sewanee. We have just pledged a new freshman, Clyde Hendrix. Beta Pi is proud of her freshman class. They are getting into the various activities with lots of pep. Bob Warner, senior pharmacy, has dropped out of school and is in business with his father in the city.

As we look back over the year, we see that it has been one of the best in our history. A little resume of our activities will show that we have been wide awake. We have been represented in the different phases of college activities as follows: Student president of Phi Beta Kappa;

senior class poet; senior class faculty knocker; vice president freshman class; Calumet Club, two men; Glee Club, two men; secretary-treasurer Glee Club; Dramatic Club, four men; vice president of Dramatic Club; publicity manager of Dramatic Club; president and secretary of the Students' Association; manager of the Tennis Association; winner of championship in singles; editor of the *Observer*; two associate editors of the *Observer*; president of Sophomore Bible Class; *Hustler* staff, two men; scrub football, three men; scrub baseball, two men; Alabama debater; freshman debater; president of the Polity Club; Young medalist; extension debates, one man; men in both literary societies; Mad-hatters Club, one man; Washington's Birthday oratorical contest, one man; Peace contest alternate; Blue Pencil Club, one man; Prentices, two men; postmaster of Kissam Hall; commodore representative of senior pharmacy class; Endowment Steering Committee, two men; president of Y. M. C. A.; Thanks-giving debater.

CLOPPER ALMON.

UNION.

The second term ended recently with Beta Tau having a good lead in scholarship. The enrollment at Union has increased to almost three hundred and we are looking forward to very bright prospects for Tennessee Beta Tau.

We are represented on the baseball team by Wagster and Conyers.

Our twenty-second annual banquet was held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors, February 28th. More than twenty-five were present, among whom were Kirby and Russell, of Tennessee Beta Tau last year, and Hugh Powers, of Tennessee Pi. Russell has visited us several times.

Since the last report we have pledged and initiated Phillips and Arnold, bringing our total up to eight members and by the time this is in print Conyers and McGavock will have been initiated, making us ten in number, which is ideal for a school of this size. For us this is the busiest season of the year, as there are basketball and baseball managers and officers of the Athletic Association to be elected before commencement.

We are planning a camping party as soon as school closes. We expect to return seven out of ten men next September and already have our eyes on several promising prospects.

JOHN TATUM.

SEWANEE.

Since the writing of the last letter Sewanee has been engaged in a critical struggle—the raising of \$300,000 to pay off the debt of the university. The campaign has gone steadily forward since the preparatory convention held in Chattanooga, February 22d, and the prospects are

very bright for the successful outcome of the endeavor. The alumni, and especially our alumni, are responding generously to the movement and are working hard to discharge the debt and free the university from her encumbrance.

The winter season has now passed from the Mountain, and with it the winter finals. Tennessee Omega improved her scholarship in a very encouraging way, having advanced up the ladder four steps, and is working hard to be the leader in the finals in June.

The chief interest in athletics is now centered in baseball. The "S" team has started off with a grand rush, and with the excellent material available we should come in for first honors among college circles. Ellerbe, who was kept out of the first games on account of classes, is now playing big league ball. Fuqua, a member of the 1914 varsity, is ineligible on account of late entrance.

The post-Lenten festivities have just ended, but while they lasted joy and happiness abounded. Tennessee Omega started the gayeties with a reception on Monday afternoon before the senior german that night. Other features were the pan-hellenic, the dansant, military academy german, junior german, Georgia Tech baseball games.

We extend to all brothers an invitation to be present with us at the greatest commencement in Sewanee's history, and we assure you we will give you a most memorable time.

J. T. SCHNEIDER.

TENNESSEE.

As the school year is coming to a close we are laying plans for the coming year. The house we are now renting has been sold and we are arranging for another. We regret very much to lose James Ruffin Matthews by graduation. Scotty Cameron also graduated, but will return to take up some special work.

On February 25th our local alumni entertained us with a banquet at the Imperial Hotel. Every one had such a good time, and so much fraternal spirit was aroused, that we decided to have another at the close of the year. We appreciate very much the co-operation of our alumni and we extend them a vote of thanks for their hearty support.

Howell Long and Tom Hassel made the trip with the university band on the Knoxville Trade trip in an extended tour of four states. During the Easter holidays several members visited their friends. Scotty Cameron visited in South Carolina. Matthews, Edwards, Walker, Rodgers and Richardson were entertained on a house party at Sunshine, a nearby summer resort. They all reported an enjoyable time. Hassel and Patterson spent a few days in Madisonville, Tennessee.

We are represented in college activities by Scotty Cameron, business manager of the *Volunteer*, the annual of the university. His assistant is Robert A. Jones, who has been elected the business manager of the 1917

Volunteer. John Kelly is at present the vice president of the Y. M. C. A., and is helping to put the newly organized University Employment Bureau on its feet. Cameron, Jones and Kelly are members of the casts of the plays the Dramatic Club will stage at the end of school. Cameron and Matthews made the Scarabbean Club, one of the highest honors in the university. Cameron and Hicks are on the board of managers of the annual U. T. circus. John Muse, president of the Tennis Club, will make several trips as a member of the team. We have two men on the varsity nine. Red Williams is playing left field and carrying off batting honors. Bates Stephens is the regular first baseman, but on account of an attack of measles was unable to make the Easter trip to South Carolina and Florida. The inter-fraternity baseball league has been organized. Last year we did not lose a game and expect to carry off honors for A. T. O. in the same fashion this year.

At present we are making arrangements for getting out a chapter letter, through which we hope to remind our alumni of the importance of recommending new men to us in September. PAUL E. WALKER.

PROVINCE IX.

STANFORD.

California Beta Psi has been well represented in student activities during the past semester. Harry Lachmund won his block "S" in the big meet with the University of California. Previous to this he went south with the track team and aided in defeating U. S. C. It is very likely that he will be chosen to represent the Cardinal on the Eastern trip which the track team intends to make. Harlan H. Dykes, last year "S" man, has been on the track squad all season. Although scarcely recovered from an operation performed last semester for appendicitis, he has been jumping consistently above six feet. Cliff Swarts rowed No. 3 in the second shell which decisively defeated the California second. A few weeks before he rowed on the varsity against Washington. Charnley Atwater secured the bow oar in the freshman shell, the hardest contested position on the crew. He won inter-class numerals during junior week festivities, and a block "19" in the California freshman race. The others who turned out for athletics should develop into winners next year.

Shortly after Easter vacation we gave a formal dance, which proved a success in every way. Eight or nine of the California Iota chapter were down, and many of the alumni returned for the affair.

Four men will graduate this year, Ben C. Williams, who will take a degree in civil engineering; Harry G. Lachmund, a degree in botany; Herman S. Siefert, a degree in chemistry, and William R. Meyer, a degree in mechanical engineering.

Prospects are bright for opening the house next fall with fifteen of our

old men back. Otto Lachmund, former football star, will return. Eddie Taylor will likewise be with us after a period of illness. Ted Bly, an alumnus, has taken up lodgings at the house. JOHN H. WALDO.

CALIFORNIA.

The closing semester has given us a true feeling of success and happiness, and we shall ever look back upon it with the fondest of reminiscences. Our four seniors, Thomas D. Kirwan, Gus H. Wendt, W. Sears Rainey and W. Carroll McIntosh, get their respective degrees this May. Kirwan and Wendt leave to take up other duties, while Rainey and McIntosh will return to complete their courses in law.

Much interest and enthusiasm has been exhibited during the past half year in campus activities. Frank Easton and James Conrado represent us in football; Alan Denison in freshman baseball; Ben McCourt in basketball, winning his numerals; Harold Bradley, Leslie Nelson, Kenneth Cormack and Edwin Mejia on the track, the latter making his numerals by placing in the mile.

Dramatics still find W. S. Rainey taking the leads. He had leading roles in both Extravaganza and English Club productions. John B. Day has also been in several casts. L. S. Nelson has been holding down the job of the peppiest yell leader the class has known and has excellent chances for the varsity leadership.

During the past semester W. S. Rainey was initiated into Phi Delta Phi, law fraternity. He is also a member of Mask and Dagger, English Club, Winged Helmet and Beta Beta. W. C. McIntosh was initiated into Phi Alpha Delta, law fraternity, and L. W. Goeppert into Beta Beta, a senior honor society.

On January 29th we held our semi-annual formal dance and as usual it was a great success. But most important of all in a social line was our house party in Mill Valley. Ken Cormack offered his home with two adjoining houses offered by friends. Week-end trips were made in preparation, each being a real party of its own for those who participated. There was lots of work, but the success of the party more than justified the labor and trouble expended.

The couples left Berkeley on Friday afternoon, March 31st, and arrived in Mill Valley in time for supper. In the evening a dance at the Outdoor Art Club proved about the peppiest ever held, all entering into the informal spirit. Mill Valley will never see (nor hear) another like it until Gamma Iota repeats her little social event.

Saturday morning we had breakfast at 10.30 and at 11.30 started on a hike to the beach on the Pacific Ocean. A picnic lunch and a ball game in the afternoon furnished ample diversion. Sunday was even a better day, the crowning feature being an elaborate dinner under the tall redwoods. It was an unwilling crowd that returned to Berkeley late Sunday evening.

On April 8th we had our alumni reunion in the form of a "49 Round-Up." A miniature "Zone," featuring many of the late Exposition concessions, was most successful. More alumni were gathered together that night, in old-time fellowship, than on any other similar occasion. We earnestly hope that all will carry out their threats to visit us again soon.

Some of those who have paid us visits were F. A. Berlin, Virginia Beta; Max Plumb and R. Woods, Massachusetts Gamma Beta; R. Von Bargaen, New York Alpha Omicron; D. Ash, Pennsylvania Tau; B. H. Lunde, Illinois Gamma Xi; Clyde H. Brand, P. R. Bray, K. W. Cannon, R. P. Galloway, R. G. Hillebrand, F. A. Jones, D. Parker, K. E. Parker, R. C. Stoner, W. L. Ware and S. S. Parker, of California Gamma Iota.

H. D. LANGHORNE.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL.

Alpha Sigma is in a very good condition this semester, both financially and in membership. The active members are now twenty-four and we have twelve pledges. This is a healthy growth, for in a school of seventeen hundred with only four nationals and four locals there are a number of good men to choose from.

We cannot boast of any scholarship averages for the last semester. However, we were able to rank fourth and we are all working for a better grade this semester. In the inter-fraternity track meet this spring we took third honors, losing second place by two points. Radcliff was high point winner.

We have been unfortunate this semester in having three of our men leave school. "Jack" Lundeen, our Worthy Master, accepted an important position as assistant engineer with the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company. Howard Woodburn, who was unable to be here this semester, is working and will be back next fall. Frank Johnson has had trouble with his eyes and is home taking care of them, and will also be back next fall.

We held initiations on April 13th and 14th, initiating the following men: Professor Fulton, who was a pledge to this chapter when it was first started; Briton Sears, Fred Hulbert, Floyd Metzger, Benjamin Rush, George Houliston, Clarence Budelier and Frederic Motz. Metzger is a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi, commercial fraternity; and Ben Rush belongs to Sigma Tau, engineering fraternity. Hulbert and Sears are good warblers and all the initiates are good students.

Funk is playing on the varsity baseball team and it is believed that he will make his letter, for he has played in every game so far. He is a senior and will be a loss to the house next year.

Norval Carnie, '17, has written the junior class play, a three-act comedy drama and it will be staged during junior week-end. Baron von Schooley is taking one of the leading character roles.

On April 1st we celebrated the first founding of Alpha Tau Omega here and were honored by having Kirk, Wilson and Blackaby from the Gamma Phi chapter and Gannon and Glover from the Gamma Chi chapter.

On April 8th our freshmen gave us a surprise in the form of an oyster supper, which we greatly appreciated. The speeches given by our freshmen were very sincere and showed that they were taking a deep interest in the fraternity.

Among our new freshmen are Cooper, McCoy and Haberer, who will strengthen the house next year.

We have had the pleasure of having visits from Brosius, White and Huggins, of the Gamma Phi chapter; Gannon and Glovers, from Gamma Chi, and Goss, from Gamma Omicron.

MARTIN KURTZ.

OREGON.

Gamma Phi initiated the following freshmen on February 18th: Harold Sexton, Charles Croner, Raymond Burns, Will Blackaby, Sprague Adam, Ralph Hurn, Joe Skelton, Harry Mesner and Nellis Hamlin. George Gannon, of Washington Gamma Chi; Howard Woodburn and Paul T. Von Schooley, of Oregon Alpha Sigma, were present at the initiation.

Basil Williams, of Eugene, was initiated on March 19th. We have at present one pledge, Frank Folts, who entered this semester from Cornell and who is a sophomore.

On February 25th, the anniversary of the installation of this chapter, we held a formal dance at the Hotel Osburn. About thirty-five couples were present, including guests from other chapters and from other fraternities on the campus.

Several of the boys have been taking active part in athletics. Dick Nelson is again one of the mainstays of the baseball team, playing at his old place on first base part of the time and pitching part of the time. Ralph Hurn, '19, is on the freshman baseball team. Harry Hargreaves, '18, is out for track and is making good in the sprints and jumps and is also throwing the javelin. Kent Wilson, '18, is running the 220 and 440 and Bill Blackaby, '19, is out for the high jump.

George Gannon, of Washington Gamma Chi, has been living with us for about a month while making Eugene his headquarters as district agent for an insurance company. He has now gone to Marshfield. We have had visits from various members of the Alpha Sigma chapter. Russell B. Horton, of Washington Gamma Pi, paid us a short visit recently.

Ralph Ash, ex-'17, has been here a few weeks lately while rehearsing with the others of his company for an extensive tour with the Ellison-White Chautauqua System this summer. He also took part in "The Fortune Hunter," which was presented here by the university players

Estee Brosius, '17, has taken part in several plays put on by the Drama Guild and was in "The Taming of the Shrew," which was presented at the Heilig Theatre in Portland, April 15th.

Walter White, '17, has been taking a course in pharmacy at O. A. C. this year and recently dropped in for a short visit on his way back from taking the State Board examinations at Portland. John Coshow, ex-'16, has been here for a couple of weeks.

Among the officers of the recently organized military companies, Gamma Phi is well represented, having one first lieutenant, Frank Folts, and three corporals, Sprague Adam, W. B. Blackaby and Larue Blackaby.

A very successful and enjoyable house party was held during spring vacation at the Log Cabin Hotel at Mackenzie Bridge, about forty miles out in the mountains. The time was spent in hunting, fishing, hiking, swimming, etc., during the days and in dancing, campfire parties, etc., in the evenings. It is the plan to make this party an annual affair.

DONALD G. ONTHANK.

WASHINGTON STATE.

Gammi Chi finds herself at present in a very prosperous condition, having twenty-three active members and four recent pledges, L. Lamb, George Archibald, H. Bradbury and P. Squires. Those who were recently initiated to the brotherhood are R. Cunningham, G. Cook, H. Olin, J. Hollmann, George Witt, E. Spencer and J. Shaw. H. Simonds finished his school work last semester and is now following his horticulture work in the Yakima Valley.

As spring comes, track and baseball men are again called forth and we have representatives in each. L. McCroskey is proving himself a very successful track captain and great things are expected of Schlaefel, Witt, Brian and Archibald. In baseball Roy Bohler is playing his old position at short better than ever. At the completion of the basketball season this year, Roy Bohler was elected captain for next year.

In school activities we are not lacking, having three class presidents during the year, H. Simonds, M. Brislawn and P. Browder. Many of the members also took part in the numerous plays and debates of the season. Several dances and social functions were held and at present we are looking forward to the big event of the year in the form of a dinner party, lawn party and dance. Many novel features are being worked up for the affair. The annual interscholastic track meet is scheduled for May 12th, and Gammi Chi expects to entertain many of the aspiring athletes. In anticipation of the event rushing plans have been perfected in order to secure promising material for next year.

Henry Tweed brought honor to the fraternity as well as the chapter by recently winning the world's sweepstakes in the apple competition at the Panama Exposition.

Great grief befell the lot of our chapter when Nelson Barnes became ill with pneumonia and passed away. His vacancy will be hard to fill. He was rooter king, one of the best liked fellows on the campus, and always a creator of joy and happiness.

JULIUS HOLLMANN.

WASHINGTON.

The spring has seen Gamma Pi in many activities. We are represented in every line; crew, dramatics, baseball, track, spring social events and politics.

Five men will go out into the world upon being graduated this semester. They are Carrol Ebright, John Martin, Bruce MacDougall, Carl Harris and Raymond Gauss. The remainder of the chapter will return in the fall if present predictions come true. Then some of the fellows have brothers coming; Fox, Shearer and Price. We will initiate three men this spring, Henry Kingsbury, Del Price and Clarence, if scholastic requirements are completed.

John Thompson has just been appointed as yell duke, and by next spring he will be in line for the office of yell leader. Another office which came to the house is the election of Bryant MacDougall to editorship of the *University of Washington Daily*.

Fox and Gray are in the midst of track season and are making a good showing. Clarence Morrison was our representative in baseball until he was forced to retire on account of a broken collarbone.

Our best in athletics this spring was the success Carrol Ebright made in landing the position of cox on the varsity crew after three years of patient work. He is one of the most experienced crew men Washington has.

We entertained the local alumni at a smoker on March 25th at the chapter house and the younger fellows enjoyed the acquaintance of many a strange old-timer.

The fraternity baseball team is starting out in big league style and we hope to get nearer to the top in the series than ever before. The addition of Clarence Yedica and Walter Funfsinn has strengthened the pitching staff greatly.

The big social event of the season is the annual house party which is held this spring on May 19th, 20th and 21st and Maurice Duffy, who is in charge of the party, has everything ready for another big time.

BRYANT MACDOUGALL.

PROVINCE X.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC.

Alpha Epsilon was fortunate this year in returning all but one man after the Christmas holidays. J. H. Henderson was unable to return.

Since Christmas we have taken in two promising new members.

K. G. Caughman was coach of the senior class football team and F. H. Prendergast coach of the junior team. Prendergast's team was victorious over Caughman's in the championship game played on the 22d of February. W. C. Louisell was coach of the varsity basketball team. And through his efforts Auburn has turned out one of its most successful teams. Louisell is also assistant baseball coach. Prendergast is playing manager of the baseball team. DuCote has a permanent berth in the outfield.

The mid-year dances this year were the greatest ever held in Auburn. The Alpha Taus took the lead in everything during these festivities. J. M. Kelley lead the junior dance and Leo Donovan was leader of the senior dance. Y. G. Samford was president of the Junior German Club. B. H. Brown was vice president of the Sophomore German Club. A. O. Taylor was vice president of the Freshman German Club.

The brothers who returned to help us enjoy the dances, the football game and the opening of the new alumni gymnasium were Frank Samford, J. H. Henderson, F. C. Moreland and Dr. John O. Rush, of this chapter; Sam Williams, of Georgia Alpha Theta, and S. A. Whittlesey, of Alabama Beta Delta.

J. A. N. DAVIS.

SOUTHERN.

Beta Beta is drawing to the close of a most successful year. Although we have a comparatively small chapter, we are well represented in every phase of college activity. In the classroom we stand well and on the athletic field Alpha Taus are second to none. Turnipseed, Chapman, Davis and Pugh are stars on the varsity baseball team, while Dannelly is a substitute. J. Burt Benson and C. H. Owens, Jr., are members of the college band, both having the leading parts.

Beta Beta will be represented in the commencement exercises by Dannelly, Owens and Robinson, who are to speak.

We feel sure that by next fall we will be able to obtain a chapter house. Beta Beta has for a long time been desirous of having a chapter house, but owing to the circumstances we thought best not to attempt to secure one at present. Next fall will find Beta Beta in one of the most beautiful residences of the city.

The chapter hall was threatened by fire a few weeks ago, but owing to the desperate work of the firemen it remained intact. It took us some time to get things rearranged, but now it resembles "home" once more and the A. T. O. pep and cheer has reclaimed its place.

We are expecting a large number of our alumni this commencement. They are trying to formulate plans by which they can help us to get a "line" on the prospective fraternity men.

Our commencement reception has been discussed and we intend to

have it within the last few days of commencement in true Alpha Tau style.

We acknowledge with pleasure visits from C. W. Rush, R. C. Rush, Ellis B. Calhoun and E. H. Chapman, of Alabama Beta Beta; J. D. Wilcox, of New York Beta Theta; P. J. Orr, of Georgia Alpha Zeta, and Bowen Henderson, of Alabama Alpha Epsilon. Ralph C. Goeth, our Province Chief, was also with us for a day. CHAS. H. OWENS, JR.

ALABAMA.

With final examinations only six weeks off the majority of our men are hard at work with their studies. We regret the fact that we will lose by graduation from the law department, Carter, Harsh, McGowen and Whittelsey; also Woodruff from the academic department.

We are represented on the baseball team by Hagan and Wilson, both of whom are showing up well.

Friday, April 14th, was observed as "A" Day, the purpose of which was to get all the alumni letter-men back. The chief features of the day were the track meet, barbecue, baseball game and dance. W. L. Harsh and R. L. Nathan were with us on this occasion. Irvine and McAlpine upheld Beta Delta in the track meet, Irvine lacking only two points of being the best all-round athlete. Stephenson was a contestant in the wrestling match.

Since the last PALM letter we have enjoyed a visit from our Province Chief, Ralph C. Goeth, and other brothers with visiting teams.

William H. McGowen was elected to represent us at the tenth province conclave to be held in New Orleans early in May.

D. H. THORNBURY.

TULANE.

In a few weeks the examinations will be upon us, and consequently the brothers are hard at work preparing for them. Luckily we do not lose any men by graduation this year, and unless something unforeseen happens, our prospects for next year are extremely bright.

Scholastically, our chapter is doing excellent work. From statistics compiled by the authorities of the university, Louisiana Beta Epsilon has an average of 83 per cent. This will in all probability win the scholastic cup, and it is within reason to believe that we will be able to maintain this mark until the end of the year.

The Inter-Fraternity Council entertained at a very enjoyable dance at our chapter house on March 31st, in connection with *Realization Day*. This day was officially declared a holiday by the university authorities, and every one of the fifteen hundred students put in a day's work, the proceeds of which were turned over to a fund for the purpose of erecting

a concrete stadium. Moved by the same spirit we held a subscription dance at the house, the proceeds being given to the general fund.

On Thursday, May 4th, the first conclave of Province X was held in New Orleans with Louisiana Beta Epsilon as host. We were pleased to have with us Province Chief Goeth and Walthour, Louisell, Dorgan and Dugger, representing the various chapters of our province. A morning and an afternoon session were held at the chapter house, and during the intermission we had luncheon at one of our famous creole restaurants. That night the Inter-Fraternity Council held its first annual dance at the Country Club, and the delegates and chapter attended in a body.

We recently defeated the Sigma Chi baseball team by the score of 22 to 4, and in tennis we administered a defeat to the Phi Delta Theta team. Our next opponents are Phi Delta Theta in baseball and Beta Theta Pi in the tennis tournament.

Stouse, for the third consecutive year, is a member of the track team and is running in his usual good form. Walshe is out for baseball, and McCutchon is manager and a member of the sophomore track team. Billups was recently elected to Phi Delta Pi, a law fraternity, and H. Norman is an editor of the *Southern Law Quarterly*, a new publication at Tulane.

E. DAVIS MCCUTCHON.

TEXAS.

Gamma Eta is proud to announce that Dr. R. E. Vinson, elected president of Texas University last April, is an Alpha Tau. Doctor Vinson is an initiate of the chapter formerly located at Austin College, Sherman, Texas. All students and faculty members are glad that Doctor Vinson has been selected for this position and his administration has every chance for success.

In athletics Bradley represented the university at the intercollegiate tennis meet at New Orleans in May. Bradley while on this trip attended the conclave of Province X in New Orleans as our delegate. Pennybacker was a member of the gymnasium team which went to Norman, Oklahoma, in March and defeated the University of Oklahoma gymnasium team. Pennybacker was second individual point winner.

Along with the general rise in fraternity averages throughout the school, A. T. O. showed a substantial increase for the winter term over the fall term. Very few of the fraternities are now experiencing trouble in maintaining the average of the school which is required of them by the faculty. To be on the safe side in all respects, Gamma Eta is producing a scholarship average well above the line.

Our annual Washington's Birthday dance this year even eclipsed all past dances in point of originality shown by those who arranged for it. On April 19th the eight pledges were hosts to the chapter in a delightful dance.

J. P. White has been elected a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi business administration fraternity. Our delegate to the inter-fraternity council has been elected and will with the other members watch after the fraternity interests in the coming election of president of the Students' Association.

We are glad to announce visits from W. D. Cleveland, of Houston, and McClanahan, of Missouri University, who was a member of that school's team which debated with the University of Texas in April.

H. W. DUNHAM.

In Memoriam

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Requiescat in pace.

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Requiescat in pace.

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Requiescat in pace.

DAVID A. WHITE.

Just as this form goes to press [we learn of the death of former Worthy Grand Scribe "Dave" White, who was killed in an automobile accident. Further particulars in September PALM.

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BUILDING A CHAPTER HOUSE.

Some learn only through their own experience, by hard knocks and not by suggestion; others pick up an idea or a method as soon as it is presented to them. Now that it seems to be the style, and I think it a good one, for every fraternity chapter to have its own house whether it has any money or not, I thought it might be helpful to tell the story of how we got our house, in the hope that my tale might serve as an incentive to others to do as we did.

I don't remember who it was that first suggested the idea of building a chapter house. I presume it was Wes King, for Wes was a lawyer down town who had worked collections on the side and who had learned to wring money from the most reluctant debtors. He was a man who under difficulties got results. One of the brothers was responsible for the statement that Wes had stopped in front of a wooden Indian one day, and by flattery and cajolery had induced him to pay a bill which had been long owing by the proprietor within, so I feel sure it must have been Wes who first made the suggestion. Whoever it was, he had nerve.

When our chapter was first organized we did business, as the other chapters did at that time, in a suite of rooms down town over first one restaurant and then another. These rooms were reached by a dark and untidy box stair, and though they seemed to us at first quite elegant and palatial, they were in point of fact bare and barn-like and uninviting. They were too remote from the campus to serve as a convenient meeting place, and they did not furnish the slightest semblance of a home as a fraternity house is today supposed to do. The members of the chapter

were scattered about the town, and there was little chance of their all getting together in the rooms excepting on Friday and Saturday nights, and even then there was little to be done excepting to pound the piano, which was usually out of tune, or to sit around on the stiff uncomfortable chairs and smoke, and not all of the brothers smoked. The rooms were rather scantily furnished, and as I look back at them now through the vista of twenty years, they were pretty close to impossible as a loafing place or as a living place. It was only the companionship of congenial friends that made them seem something like an imitation of home.

We all had keys to these apartments, and we used to wander up to the rooms every day or two alone or with some pal and sit around and imagine we were enjoying ourselves. We held our initiations there—pretty rough some of them were with very little regalia and very much less paraphernalia; we invited our girl friends in sometimes, under proper chaperonage, but it was after all a poor substitute for real fraternity life.

We stuck to this sort of thing for three years, I believe it was, and then, following the example of some of the older fraternities, we rented a house near the campus, on Green Street, bought, borrowed, or stole a little furniture, and became from that time on a real part of the college community. I have often wondered just what form of mental aberration was afflicting the man who designed the house into which we moved and in which we lived for the next few years. It was not particularly suitable for a dwelling house or a summer hotel or a hospital; it had rooms of the most curious shape, and of the most unheard-of arrangement; it had an unusable basement which we converted into a dining room, this latter room approached by a dark unventilated passageway; there was no attic and few closets; but we disposed ourselves in it with a good deal of comfort and satisfaction and began soon to realize for the first time some of the possibilities of the right sort of fraternity life. If the house had been better and more convenient, perhaps we should not so soon have conceived the idea of having a house of our own. At any rate, one might as well look with optimism upon the experiences of life, and derive some satisfaction and profit, if possible, from its discomforts.

It may have been when the plastering fell in the hallway and nearly killed one of the brothers, or when the furnace went out of business, or the plumbing threw a fit—I have forgotten. At any rate, some domestic disaster caused us to get together and wonder why we could not have a house of our own. The Phi Delts were building, and though we were not so old as they and did not have a cent of money to our names, we could not see why we should not follow as advanced ideas as they. It was the optimism of youth and of inexperience.

It was in the spring of 1901 that we grew desperate and did something. A few of our local enthusiasts got together and worked out a system of chapter house notes. It was a simple system, and any optimist quick at figures and skillful at pushing a lead pencil could easily figure in a few minutes that it would take us only a short time to have the amount raised, the house built, and a reserve fund out at interest.

In brief the plan was to induce each brother, active and alumni, to sign ten notes of ten dollars each, one note a year to be due for each of ten successive years. There was to be no objection raised if any brother insisted on paying the entire series of notes in advance. Wes King was elected general manager of the note signing business and was to take special care of the alumni, and I want to record my statement right here that in getting fellows to promise to pay sums of money, he has no equal this side of Los Angeles. In point of fact he induced a good many people to promise to pay who have not paid and who, I am now convinced, never had any intention of doing so. They simply signed the notes or wrote the letter to get rid of him. I have a collection of these notes and letters in the upper right-hand drawer of my desk now that I often look at and read with the greatest interest, but with a somewhat weakened and waning faith in the promises of man. Some time if I become desperate I may publish these, if the writers continue to ignore their promises, but I still retain a few rags of hope that I may ultimately get real money from them. Hans Mueller had the job of running the members of the local chapter into the corral and getting them to sign, and he, too, proved a good solicitor.

I drew the job of treasurer and general custodian of the notes,

because I was a guileless college professor who knew no better. In contemplating the job of treasurer from a distance I must confess that it has its attractions. It has all the symptoms of what the undergraduate calls a "pipe." I remember asking a six-year-old neighbor boy of mine whose father is a bank president just what the older man did for a living. "He just gives money away," was the reply, and this answer with slight verbal changes expressed my idea of the business of a treasurer. I thought that he simply received money that was sent him. In retrospect, however, such a position takes on a very different aspect. If any one who reads these paragraphs has had in mind accepting the position of treasurer of a corporation composed largely of undergraduates who propose to build a fraternity house, my advice to him would be the same as that offered by Douglas Jerrold to young men about to get married—"don't." It is a delusion and a snare. That simple innocent job of treasurer has caused me more pain, has caused my fraternity brothers more annoyance, and has required more letters to be written which have never been answered than I ever dreamed of. I have held it fifteen years, because I did not dare to drop it, and there was no one else foolish enough to take it away from me.

We got twenty-three sets of notes at the first canvass, and though this seemed pretty good, many of the old fellows did not sign them and have not since shown any material interest in the house building scheme. A number of these brothers have been back to enjoy and to admire the house after it was built, but their appreciation has not gone further than laudatory words. In recent years it has been the policy of the chapter to require each one of the initiates to sign a series of these notes, though each man is allowed to set the date when his first note is to be paid. It was our hope when this scheme of house notes was devised that some of the brothers would pay them out quickly and that with the first money we accumulated we should invest in a suitable site for the house.

I remember with what delight I received the first payment. It came from one of the brothers who was getting well or working or enjoying himself at some German health resort, and who sent me a postal money order for fifty marks. I had never had any

occasion previous to this, excepting when in the grades, I was working out my problems in compound numbers, to satisfy my curiosity as to how much real money one can get for a mark, but I find that the first entry I made in the ledger which I immediately started is \$11.80. I guess I got the full worth of the order.

The house notes as they came due were paid with reasonable promptness. Some fellows who had little money and who, therefore, had to manage their financial matters carefully, sent in the money before they received a notice, but for the most part it required one or two reminders before the response came. A few—not many—of these men have been receiving two or three notices a year for the past fifteen years without my getting a single response. I am an optimist, so I keep hoping. By the spring of 1904 we had accumulated one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, but long before this some of the other brothers had had their eyes on two good-looking lots near the campus which we were sure would be just the place to build our house. In order that we might be able to hold property legally we realized the necessity of forming a corporation, and this we did in the spring of 1904. This corporation consists of nineteen members, eleven members of the active chapter elected by the chapter each spring, and eight life members elected from the alumni. The real business of the corporation is done by a Board of Directors, seven in number, four from the active chapter and three from the resident alumni. When all this preliminary organization had been accomplished Wes King went over and hypnotized the old German—or was it his wife?—who owned the John Street lots and stole them from him; that is, he got a contract from him to sell them to us for three thousand dollars, we to pay down five hundred dollars and to have the privilege of reducing the remainder of the debt by the payment of such sums as we should be able to raise at any time we wished. We were able to clear the mortgage in less than two years largely with money collected from our house notes.

I said that the money was collected largely from the house notes. The rest of it came from the issuing of gold bonds, two thousand dollars of which were really disposed of. The original intention was to sell five thousand dollars worth to launch our

enterprise, but the brothers did not fall for the gold bonds with the enthusiasm that we had anticipated; it struck them as a good deal like putting good money into mining stock. In point of fact the gold bond idea had the least in it of any of the bright thoughts which came to us in working up the house scheme. We have found these bonds harder to handle than any other indebtedness, and I feel that they were perhaps a mistake. Some of them have been given to the corporation, by the holders; now and then one has been paid when we had made some lucky collection and had the money; and the rest still remain to be cancelled as we prosper sufficiently to take them up.

With our lots paid for we felt that we were in a position to begin to build our house. There was only one trifling handicap that held us back, and that was the lack of money. Some of the interested members of the Board of Directors had made investigations as to the possibility of our getting money from some of the Chicago houses which make a business of lending money to those in need, but the project of building a house for irresponsible undergraduates in college was a new one, and no one was willing at first to take the risk. Building and Loan Associations would not consider the proposition for a moment, though now that the building of such houses has become common and has been shown to be a safe enterprise in which to invest capital, it is not especially difficult to persuade either private individuals or Building and Loan Associations to lend money for such a purpose.

It was one of our local members, abetted by two other wide-awake lawyers from our alumni, who finally presented the scheme to the Chicago Savings Bank with such a rosy aspect as to win their favor. They had it all worked out to a minute when we could pay it back and all planned to a "T" where the money was coming from. I was reading over the proposed schedule of payments just a few days ago, and it surely looked beautiful on paper. We have not done the business at all as he worked it out, but we have done it in quite as good a way, if in a different one. As I intimated, this Chicago firm agreed to lend us twelve thousand dollars for twelve years at five and one-half per cent. on a first mortgage, and this amount made it seem possible for us to begin the house. We had hoped to get by with eighteen thousand

dollars and since a local business man agreed to give us three thousand dollars on a second mortgage, we felt that the house was as good as built and began to save money for furniture.

As soon as the money was in sight a committee was appointed with full power to select an architect, approve of plans, and get things moving. This was in the spring of 1906. We had a number of sketches presented. It was thought at first that for the sake of sentiment and perhaps to save a little money, it would be desirable to have one of the brothers design the house; but I had learned long ago that no one is likely to save much money by letting his relatives work for him, or, in fact, in working for them, and it was not long before we were all agreed that the wisest plan for us was to employ the best architect we could get, even if we had to go to Boston to find him. This we did, and he made us a plan which was simple and dignified and which still causes our house, although it is nearly the oldest one about the campus, to be admired and praised by visitors to the university for its beauty and convenient arrangement perhaps more than any other house which has been built. I have since advised all my friends to engage a good architect, even if they contemplate building only a woodshed.

We were not easily satisfied with our plans; like all builders with limited means, we wanted a large number of big rooms within a limited floor space, and we wanted everything on the first floor. When everything had been adjusted to our satisfaction so far as this was possible we submitted the plans to contractors for bids. If any architect has ever submitted plans to a contractor and had the bids come within the original estimate I should like to have the name and address of both. At any rate, the bids on our house ran two thousand dollars beyond anything which we had in our wildest moments considered. We had to cut, and we did it generously, and then let the contract. In round numbers the total cost of the house, including lighting fixtures, walks, and everything necessary to its completion, was twenty-one thousand dollars. It will be remembered that the amount of money we had borrowed was fifteen thousand dollars and this left six thousand dollars unprovided for. We had during the interim since our house notes were first issued saved

two thousand five hundred dollars from this source, and the remaining three thousand five hundred dollars we borrowed from the contractor and from four of our alumni. When the house was done in the fall we had money enough to square all of our outstanding obligations.

Even now when these scattered obligations have all been met I am convinced that we spent too much on the house. The paying of the extra three thousand five hundred dollars strained every nerve of the three or four fellows responsible for its collection. I don't know now how we ever secured it. We got some of it from the house notes, we saved a little from the rent; we insulted some of our well-to-do alumni until they gave it to us to get rid of us, but ultimately we paid it—in fact, we paid it exactly when we agreed to do so. Our house was so large that it required a big chapter roll in order that it might be full and the rent be easily paid, and I have yet to be convinced that a chapter roll larger than twenty-five is likely to be the most efficiently managed. I think that most fraternities lack the courage to build a house well within their means and best suited to their needs. They are all afraid that if they do not build a house larger than their neighbors, people will think them poor; just as some men are afraid to buy a Ford for fear that some one will imagine they cannot get by with a Cadillac.

When the time came for moving into the new house we had very little furniture. The old stuff we had in the Green Street house had been hardly dealt with for nearly ten years. We gave it all a complete overhauling, presented some of it to the Associated Charities, sent some to the repair shop to be gone over and refinished, and consigned the rest to the bedrooms. We had been gradually collecting a furniture fund, but it was entirely inadequate. Here again we fell back on the local chapter and the alumni. Some of the younger fellows were more than ordinarily skillful in handling tools and these agreed to make in the engineering shops some of the larger pieces of furniture for the living room and library, such as the tables and the big lounging chairs. We found that by this method we could materially reduce the cost and in addition introduce a little element of sentiment. The fellows who had worked the hardest to raise the money for the house gave the most liberally toward buying the furniture or

gave rugs, chairs or curtains as they chose. The place looked mighty good to us when late in the fall of 1907 the curtains hung, the rugs down—I thought that the living room rug was especially handsome because Frank Scott and I had paid for it—and the furniture placed, we moved in. No one knows so well how to appreciate an accomplishment of this sort as when he has done his level best to bring it about.

But our troubles were not all over when we had moved into the house; in fact, as treasurer of the corporation, I was soon convinced that they were only just begun. The regular payments had to be made. The money for these was to come from the rent which we received for the house from the local chapter, and from the income from the house notes. The rent we set at one thousand five hundred dollars a year, and the notes should have brought us another thousand. We have always received the rent, but the notes have often brought us no more than two-thirds of what they were estimated to do.

The fellows often lose interest when they get away from college. Their duties multiply, their obligations increase, and they are likely to forget the chapter house. The best help to keep every one in touch with the house and the active chapter has been a chapter quarterly paper sent to every one who has ever been connected with the chapter, and containing personal items about all the brothers, and news of the college and the campus. It took us several years to find this out, and I think in consequence we have lost several thousands of dollars that we should have collected had we started the quarterly earlier. The main idea is not to let one forget or lose his hold upon the old life.

At the end of two years we saw that we should have to raise the rent to two thousand dollars a year if we were to meet our payments, for repairs became necessary almost at once, taxes and insurances were high and growing higher, and we had no sooner built than the city authorities passed ordinances to pave on four sides of our block. The improvement increased the value of our property, it is true, but it also increased the drain upon our exchequer. All this increase of expenditure made it the more necessary that the chapter roll be kept large. It was again in my mind an argument in support of the statement that we had built rather too generously.

It was in 1910, I believe, that we decided to increase the rent paid by the chapter. Our indebtedness had by this time been reduced to fifteen thousand dollars, all the loose bills and personal debts having been taken care of. At the same time it seemed best to those who had looked most carefully into our financial affairs that if possible we should pay off our two mortgages and take out one loan of fifteen thousand dollars from a Building and Loan Association. After some negotiations we were able to do this, and our monthly payments in this association were for the next five years one hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents a month. This amount we were able to meet from the rent, and the income from the house notes took care of the taxes, improvements and repairs. It is true that we sometimes ran pretty close to shore, but whenever my bank account ran down near the five hundred dollar mark, I began to retrench or to put the pressure upon the delinquent brothers. I was forced to resort to all sorts of tactics to get the notes paid, but we were always able to pay the bills when they were presented. I do not believe the fellows out in the world and far away from college have realized in any sense what a responsibility it meant to carry the house. They have argued that it would be all right if they paid when it was convenient; they have been angry often when they have been "dunned"; they have thought me at times sarcastic and insistent, but they did not consider that there was the regular monthly assessment to be met, and the regular bills to be paid, and behind it all only the rent and the promises which they had made. The fact that I always kept in the bank this surplus of five hundred dollars has more than once saved the corporation from disaster.

Last spring we decided that it would be best again to refund the loan which had now, through our regular payments, been reduced to something less than nine thousand dollars. Without much trouble we were able to make this refund, and so to reduce our monthly payments to one hundred dollars a month. This reduction in our monthly payments made it possible to reduce the rent exacted from the local chapter to one hundred and fifty dollars a month for ten months, and so to relieve the chapter of a burden which for so many years it had been carrying without complaint. It has never seemed to me that we should quickly relieve the property of debt. The more people who have a part

in helping to bear the burden, the more will these men after they become alumni appreciate the value of the house. Perhaps later it may seem desirable again to refund the loan in order that the rent may be reduced to one hundred dollars a month, an amount which the chapter could always easily pay.

There is no likelihood that we shall for many years at least abandon the house notes. There are constant improvements and repairs which need to be made on the house; as it grows older these will proportionately increase. We realize that the best possible economy is to keep the house in first-class repair, and all this takes money and a good deal of it. Besides this, the house notes give every man an interest in the house and a sense of ownership. His regular payments for ten years recall to his mind his undergraduate days and bring him back to see the fellows and to live over again the details of his youth. I am sure the house notes are a good thing.

We now owe about eight thousand dollars on property which valued very conservatively is worth thirty-five thousand dollars; we have the payments arranged in such a way that we can meet them without putting an unreasonable burden upon any one. Our house is a real home, it is in good repair, and is one of which we may well be proud for many years to come. I shall be gone very likely before there is a new house built for the chapter, for though I am not yet a patriarch, I am still the oldest of the small group of men who worked to bring about the completion of this house. Those who come after me and who may have a part in building a new and a better house for the chapter, have my kindest wishes. In more ways than they think, their labor will be a labor of love; but I hope that they will feel as I have felt that the struggle is worth while, that the effort put forth is more than compensated for in the satisfaction of seeing the result. It has cost me some worry and not a few postage stamps, as it has cost a number of the other brothers. I have written thousands of letters and have had, I have no doubt, scores of replies, but I never walk down the street on which the house is situated without feeling a glow of satisfaction that we did it.

There are others, who read this, who if they had courage and nerve and persistence, might do even better than we have done.

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Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

DAVID A. WHITE.

I can well appreciate what a sad shock the announcement herewith contained will be to every reader of the *PALM*, especially Brothers Thomas, Lamar, Hickok, Saner and Bingham. When I received the sad telegram, I was simply appalled. Perhaps those mentioned will feel as I do now; that, although "dear old Dave" is no more, still I cannot yet feel that he has entirely left us. Whether it is that his spirit remains with me or that I cannot realize it all—I cannot tell, I cannot tell. His memory to me is so sweet that, perhaps, this delusion may last. I am prompted to write of him, and yet when I seat myself to do it, I feel absolutely unfit; so many thoughts and memories run through my brain, that I fear the result will be far from what my intent is. To me, he was a brother! Not by birth, but by deliberate choice; as such, it is absolutely impossible for me to portray my true affection. To his dear aged mother, sisters, brothers and friends, my love and sympathy goes out unbounded.

Dave White or "Old Dave."

Gentle as a woman,
Pure as a Lily;
Honest as the day,
And as bold as a Lion.

To these characteristic attributes, many other terms could be well applied: affectionate, charitable, loyal, conscientious, temperate in all things, religious, ambitious, staunch to his Cardinal Principles of "Virtue, Truth and Love."

A dreamer who realized.

A worker who secured results.

A task-master who was kind.

A friend who was always faithful.

Of how few men or women of our acquaintance could such things be more truly said?

His life has not been spent in vain—to all of us there will

come that comparative insight which will make us look poor in comparison; but there is the thought that, may be now, we may try to imitate him and thus become better men. Our Father in Heaven, so the adage goes, gathers only the best from His garden. For more than twenty-five years it has been my pleasure to have been closely associated with him; during that time, every possible test may be said to have been applied; the result gives us pure gold with no alloy. Time, or at least space, will not allow me to mention many amusing and delightful incidents of our association. Memory, however, is already crowding them back upon my brain; which, perhaps, will soften the seemingly hard and cruel thrust. In his varied walks of life, I feel I must not tread; satisfied as I am, with the beautiful editorial written in his home paper by his devoted pastor; but I feel that I should say a few words of him as a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity; as our brother:

Initiated in the olden days, when tradition was so dearly prized and understood, and when every man felt that the final success of this questionable venture depended upon him, individually; it is not surprising that he developed into the model fraternity man. His old, one-inch square pin was always near at hand. His fraternal grip, to him, meant all he had if the other man needed it.

During the last fifteen years increased business responsibilities prevented him from attending the Fraternity Congresses, but, prior to that time, there were few of us, who had attended as many.

Around his humble walls, these old groups looked down upon him, each face expressing, if possible, the one thought: "Dear Old Dave."

His affection for the Founders of the Fraternity bordered upon "Hero Worship"; his loyalty and steadfastness to those in office were the characteristics of the man. His love for the old Bingham chapter, whose birth and existence was almost entirely dependent upon him, was beautiful to note; in this connection, I cannot but see him, in all the initiates of that remarkable chapter; the personnel of which stands out in bold relief. His affection for its memory and the preservation of its records was his daily pleasure. Only a few short weeks ago, he wrote me that he had a complete

set of the PALMS; each one after being carefully read was preserved; that he felt it was not fair that he should still retain this valuable record and asked my advice as to how best to dispose of them; to me this evidence of self-sacrifice was strikingly characteristic.

While I was Worthy Grand Chief he served most faithfully as Worthy Grand Scribe and was most efficient. Later, he was honored by being made a member of the High Council, a fitting reward for service well done. During my administration, upon my suggestion that the Province System be inaugurated, and I was later called upon to select the first Province Chiefs, the first man I selected was Dave White; in his real and genuine way, he refused to serve, giving as his excuse that time would not allow him to assume such a responsible position.

What a galaxy of immortals now make up that chapter roll—Marshall, Renick, Turk, Faison, Gadsden, Quintard, Wiggins, Norton and last, but not least, including the many other departed brothers—"Dear Old Dave."

LARKIN W. GLAZEBROOK.

THE RELATION OF FRATERNITIES TO THE UNIVERSITY.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—The following article by Edward Beattie Stephenson was published in the July, 1915, number of the *Quarterly Journal* of the University of North Dakota, of which institution Mr. Stephenson is the assistant professor of physics. We have kept it upon our desk for a year hoping that the demands upon our space would so decrease as to enable us to present it to the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity *in toto*. It is beyond all doubt one of the best treatments of the subject we have ever read and we cordially commend it to the attention of the Fraternity.]

When you see a man wearing a Greek-letter fraternity pin, what do you think? Your mental reaction probably depends on your point of view and your previous experience, but at least you know that the wearer has been to college and that for some reason he was a member of a particular group. It is this idea of belonging to a particular group that has been the basis for the organization of the fraternity system in our colleges and universities. Fundamentally it is the tribal instinct of the primitive man, the gang spirit of the growing boy, the club spirit of the mature man. In the very primitiveness and universality of this instinct lies the strength of the fraternity system and the reason for its development.

The growth of fraternities has been coincident with that of the colleges.¹ Beginning as early as 1776, they were well established by 1850, suffered a relapse during the civil war, especially in the South, were well revived by 1870, had a steady growth for the next thirty years in spite of considerable faculty opposition, and in the last fifteen years have increased enormously. Here is a system within the universities that includes at least two thousand five hundred active organizations, that has approximately half a million active and alumni members, that owns some \$15,000,000 worth of property,² and yet fraternities are frequently not even

1. For a detailed history and data concerning each fraternity, see Baird's *American College Fraternities*, 1912 edition.

2. Estimated from Baird's Manual.

mentioned in the university catalogues. One reason for such an anomalous condition is that the public or the university authorities have not always found the fraternities to be an unmixed good and have frequently imposed restrictions that seemed unduly harsh to the fraternities with a consequent lack of appreciation on both sides. There are many indications at present of a change in point of view of both the university and the fraternities.

It is the purpose of this article to discuss some of the essential conditions which exist in a successful fraternity, to consider some of the official relations that exist between the university and the fraternities, and to suggest in each case some ways in which they can co-operate in working for their common good. It is not purposed to write a defense of or argument for fraternities, but to outline some constructive policies for both the fraternities and the university.

ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS IN A SUCCESSFUL FRATERNITY.³

A college or university is an educational institution and must maintain certain standards of scholarship. A fraternity being an organization within the university must help maintain these standards. It is possibly true that, in the past generation of the old-fashioned college with its narrow classical curriculum and wide separation from everyday life, many men who were naturally or willfully very poor students in college afterward became successful business or even professional men, but in the present generation where the university course is more technical or professional, and specialization begins early and is carried far, common sense shows, and abundant statistics prove,⁴ that the good student has the greatest chance of success in life. It is not argued that it is essential or even desirable for a social fraternity that all its members should be honor students, but it is maintained that the scholarship average of the fraternity should be above the average of the university as a whole.

3. The word fraternity as here used is limited to undergraduate social fraternities, but includes sororities.

4. A study of the record of the graduates from five important eastern universities covering a period of approximately twenty years shows that of the first honor men nearly fifty per cent. are mentioned in *Who's Who*, of the second honor men about twenty-five per cent., and of the pass men some five per cent. In other words, the first honor men have about ten chances to one over the pass men of achieving that distinction. Van Dyke, *Scribner's* (September, 1912); Davies, *Quarterly Journal* (April, 1914).

A fraternity man is a picked man, chosen from the crowd because he has or is expected to develop those qualities that will make him a positive addition to that particular group. He should be at least an average student and something more, and under these conditions the fraternities will naturally have more than their pro rata share of the leaders in the varied college activities, because it is the fact or promise of this leadership that frequently results in a man being asked to join a fraternity. It is a tendency toward low scholarship on the part of the fraternities that has been one of the strongest grounds for faculty objection to the system, and it seems very reasonable that if the fraternities were generally and consistently to maintain a scholarship average better than that of the university as a whole, not only would this objection be removed, but most of the others would vanish with it. Good scholarship and most of the evils of fraternity life are mutually exclusive. That this is recognized as an important point is shown by the efforts of many of the national fraternity officers and publications to emphasize it.⁵

The undergraduate fraternity is primarily a social organization; that is, its chief benefits come from the association of congenial friends, but intimate friendships are necessarily limited in number and require a considerable period for their development. A group of men of common tastes, electing new members by unanimous vote, living together in intimate daily companionship in a chapter house owned by the fraternity and its alumni, certainly furnishes the best conditions for the development of strong friendships. To make these friendships worth while, however, requires that they be between strong all-round men, and this in turn implies that the men of a successful fraternity should take part in the various college activities—literary, athletic, dramatic and political. Each fraternity should try to excel in some one or more of these lines of activity and should have some good men in each, but too great a concentration in any one direction, though possibly a source of temporary strength, is ultimately fatal to symmetrical development. A fraternity composed entirely of athletes is as hopelessly one-sided as a fraternity of “all grinds.”

5. See almost any number of any national fraternity journal; e. g., *The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*, vol. 37, pp. 365, 481, 1912-13.

The same principle applies in the geographical and departmental distribution of members. With this idea of the fullest all-round development in mind, it is not a wise policy for a fraternity to have too many men from any one town or in any one department of the university, for it is by contact with men of varied interests that one gets the fullest development.

College politics offer an attractive field for every normal student, and with the educational advantages he has, he should be setting the standards for the generation of citizens he is ambitious to lead. It is perfectly proper too that fraternities should be actively interested in politics where their picked men and strong organization give them great power, but with this power comes the responsibility for its correct usage. How unfortunate then when college politics degenerate into a petty squabble between rival fraternities, and the devious methods of the political boss and the ward heeler hold full sway. This condition will not be remedied by trying to keep fraternities out of politics, but by making them feel the responsibility of putting up men who can do the best for the university. There may be momentary pride in boasting that a fraternity brother holds a certain office, but a poor man elected to office by political trickery is sure to fail, to the lasting discredit of his fraternity. The idea that the good of the university comes first must always be dominant, and ultimately it will work for the good of the fraternity, for the modern test of greatness is the amount of service well performed.

The support of any active organization costs money and the opportunity for extra social activities is generally greater so that, other things being equal, the expenses of the fraternity man will be greater than those of the non-fraternity man. In one institution with which the writer is personally familiar it was found that the normal expenses of the fraternity men were from ten per cent. to thirty per cent. greater than those of the non-fraternity men. The individual must personally determine whether the advantages are worth the additional cost. A few hundred dollars may be a paltry price for some to pay for the opportunity of forming a few life-long friendships, while for others the same amount squandered in frivolous society may be a ruthless extravagance. The wise policy is for each fraternity, and for all the fraternities in co-opera-

tion, to endeavor to keep expenses on a normal basis as determined by local university standards of living.

As in politics so in society, the college student tends to emulate the activities of his parents or of the leaders in the community and, with some allowance for youthful extravagance, the social life of the fraternity will not differ much from that of the community at large. The evils are common to society in general and not inherent in the fraternities. A reasonable number of parties, dances, smokers, etc., is a part of the training of a well-rounded college man, but undue extravagance in this line soon restricts fraternity membership to those who can afford the expense and results in the very one-sidedness that the social life is intended to overcome. Experience has shown that by faculty rules or, more preferably, by mutual agreement the fraternities can limit their social affairs in number and expense in a perfectly satisfactory manner.

Probably the most common objection to the fraternity system is its undemocratic tendencies. To many the idea of exclusiveness is highly desirable and they are responsible for the abnormal development of this tendency which to a certain extent is inherent in all fraternities. Of course, it might be argued that human nature is not particularly democratic anyway and that extreme democracy is usually limited to politicians just before election time, but it will probably be granted that the man who goes through college and knows only the men of his own fraternity is not doing the best for himself or his school. In the western institutions, at any rate, such a policy carries its own remedy, for unless a fraternity keeps in constant touch with the new men it misses the best ones and will soon automatically eliminate itself from any position of importance.

One of the most promising steps in the right direction has been taken in a number of institutions rather recently in an organization by all the fraternities of a Pan-Hellenic or Inter-Fraternity Council. Such an organization is to the fraternities what the commercial club is to the business men of a modern city. It is a recognition of their community of interests, that their main problems are common to all, and that by united action many things are possible that are practically impossible for an individual. It used to be assumed that one fraternity could succeed only at

the expense of some other, when as a matter of fact the best method for a fraternity permanently to maintain an advanced position is to help all the others maintain the same position, just as the modern grocery store is helped by a prosperous hardware store on the opposite corner even if their lines overlap in places. One fraternity at an institution may easily injure the reputation of all because the general public is quite unable to distinguish the difference between Alpha Beta Gamma and Gamma Beta Alpha and superficially reasons that the errors of one individual of one fraternity are common to all members of all fraternities. A well-organized inter-fraternity council may accomplish much in bringing all the fraternities up to accepted standards, and is an efficient means for regulating the social and political life.

The council as a medium for the consideration of fraternity problems with the faculty will be discussed in the next section.

OFFICIAL RELATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE FRATERNITIES.

In the first place there must be recognized the fact of the existence of fraternities in nearly all colleges and universities, the fact that these organizations have many members and control much property, and the fact that the fraternity ideal appeals to a very fundamental and very human instinct—the desire to belong to a particular group—and experience has shown that this instinct is stronger than any respect for faculty rule or academic theories of democracy. Having unsuccessfully tried ignoring fraternities, or more or less rigidly suppressing them, the logical thing would seem to be a frank recognition of them as responsible organizations and an attempt through co-operation to guide their valuable energies in the right direction.

The official dealings of the university with the fraternities may well be through a faculty committee composed of men who are interested in fraternities, though not necessarily all fraternity men, and who still retain some recollection of the fraternity student point of view. On the wisdom, enthusiasm and personal influence of this committee and not on any system of rules and regulations, however elaborate and comprehensive these may be, will the success of the system depend. The committee should establish and maintain some definite policy, should state this

policy in a few general principles, and make an annual effort to educate the fraternities up to the spirit and letter of these principles. One of the most general principles is that the permanent interests of the individual, of the fraternities and of the university are identical, but if a temporary or apparent conflict arises the highest loyalty demands that we serve the bigger and better institution. If the fraternities and the faculties really believe this, the solution of any problem is a matter of getting together and working out the details on the basis of a common interest in the university. The faculty committee thus meets the fraternities in a spirit of co-operation, and with many questions there are advantages in dealing officially with the inter-fraternity council because this method emphasizes the common interests of the fraternities and the responsibility of all for each one.

The faculty by co-operation with the fraternity as an organization has an effective means of raising the standard of scholarship. A student may feel as an individual that he has a right to do largely as he pleases, but as a member of an organization he feels it his duty to maintain the standards of the organization, and his loyalty to it is stronger than his personal interests. A scholarship report therefore to the officers of a fraternity may be more effective than a direct appeal to the individual, especially where the officers are in a position to see that their suggestions are carried out. This, of course, presupposes a desire on the part of the fraternity as a whole to maintain a satisfactory scholarship standard. If the fraternities at an institution are ranked according to scholarship and compared with the average of the university as a whole, the resulting rivalry is a strong incentive toward good work.⁶ More important than any such incentive is that people should really believe that the good student in college is the one who makes good in after life. That this is a fact can easily be demonstrated, but it needs constant emphasis and reiteration.

It is pretty generally agreed that the more fully student self-government can be realized in an institution, the better for students and faculty, but any such system must arise by a process of

6. The fraternities of the University of North Dakota have shown a marked increase in scholarship since this system was inaugurated, and at present the fraternity average for both men and women is above the non-fraternity average and above that of the university as a whole.

growth and be inaugurated on the demand of the students, for if imposed by the faculty without an educated public sentiment among the students it is very liable to become a farce. Where self-government is not already in force, the inter-fraternity council may afford a beginning in that line, in the training of leaders and in the development of the idea that the student interests and the faculty interests are common. Each chapter now has a limited self-government of the personal conduct of its members, and this idea might easily be extended to cover most matters of university discipline. The inter-fraternity council would act like a student court under any self-government system and consider matters of discipline of fraternity men. (Obviously they would have no power over non-fraternity men.) The privilege of representation in the court could be extended to any responsible organization whether a fraternity or not, and if the plan worked to advantage the student body as a whole would soon be anxious to adopt it. It would then be easy to reorganize on a basis that would include the whole university, and there would be men trained as leaders and a considerable body of students that were accustomed to the system to carry it through the initial period.⁷

The chapter house system offers a solution of the housing problem that has many points in its favor. It is analogous to the college system in the great universities in England or to the cottage system adopted in some American institutions. The small group of the chapter house with the sleeping quarters, chapter rooms and dining hall all in one building more nearly approximates home life, and personal responsibility for and pride in the house eliminate much of the "rough housing" so common in the large dormitory or private boarding houses. The chapter house is usually owned or being purchased by the active chapter and the alumni at considerable personal effort and sacrifice and this gives them a material as well as a sentimental interest in the fraternity for all time. Also it relieves the university of the financial burden of providing quarters for a large proportion of

7. The self-government plan here outlined would have to be adapted to local conditions where introduced. The obvious objection of favoritism toward fraternities is in reality without weight because self-government throws an added responsibility upon the student, and experience has shown that student courts tend to be much more severe in discipline than the faculty. As long as the system is open to any responsible organization, or to the whole university, on request, a student who refuses to ally himself with any organization has no valid complaint.

the students. In some institutions fully half the buildings are used for dormitories and this investment might easily be released for increasing the facilities of the school. To encourage the building of chapter houses it may be feasible for the university to donate or lease locations on the campus and from its endowment fund make long term loans on the buildings. The members of the fraternities, however, should have the same freedom that they would in a house off the campus. This system is in successful operation at a number of places.⁸

In some institutions, either by faculty rule or by fraternity agreement, a man is not eligible to membership in a fraternity until his sophomore year and may not even be pledged until the second semester of his freshman year. The theory of this system is that for his first year a man is a member of the whole university, he has a chance to get acquainted with all his classmates, to learn the traditions of the university and fully to orient himself before he unites with any particular group. When he does join a fraternity he does so with the fullest mutual knowledge on the part of the fraternity and himself and this is to the advantage of both. Experience has fully demonstrated that under the changed environment of college a man does not necessarily follow his home or high school record, and if pledged on this record alone may not develop as anticipated. If a student returns for his sophomore year it is evidence that he made at least a passing record and that he has some seriousness of purpose. If initiated then he has potential value, but if initiated in his freshman year and he does not return, he is usually a dead load on the fraternity. It is pretty generally true that a man's value to a fraternity increases in proportion to his age and experience in its affairs. The opportunity for the fullest knowledge on the part of the fraternity and on the part of the candidate is certainly desirable, for it is only when a man is in the fraternity that most nearly meets his ideals

8. For example: In 1912 the University of Alabama required that all fraternity houses not already there be established on the campus, offered a 99-year lease at a nominal rental of \$10 per year on a site and proposed to loan 60 per cent. of the value of the house at 6 per cent. interest.

In one college where the dormitories were being abandoned by the better students on account of the lack of discipline, the problem was solved by dividing each building into separate units with large living and chapter rooms as well as bedrooms and leasing each unit to a fraternity at the same rental the men would have paid for the bedrooms. The more homelike conditions and the localization of responsibility eliminated the difficulties of discipline and kept the dormitories full.

that he will have his own fullest development or can work for the best interests of the fraternity.

There is another system of pledging and initiation based on a very different theory. It is to acquire full information of a man's family and record before he comes to college, pledge him immediately on entrance in the belief that he will maintain his previous record in the proper environment, take him into the fraternity house where he can be under the supervision of the older men and taught the proper habits and ideals, and then initiate him after a brief probation. When a large chapter house is maintained it requires a correspondingly large chapter and it is an advantage to be able to fill the house with freshmen when necessary. This system would undoubtedly work admirably with the ideal fraternity, but it is a correspondingly bad failure with a weak or poor one. Its chief objection is that early pledging does not give either the fraternity or the pledged man an opportunity to acquire full information, and the consensus of opinion among progressive fraternities seems to be against it.

The very essence of fraternity life is a feeling of loyalty to the group and a high spirit of honor among members. A man trained in fraternity ideals should be the first to get a vision of a larger group, his university, and should have the same feeling of loyalty to her and the same high spirit of honor among all her members, both students and faculty. That more do not get this vision is partly a matter of habit and partly of tradition. Brought up under the authoritative and disciplinary methods of the grade schools, the student carries these ideas with him to the university, expects to be told what to do and what to study and then to be made to do it, so that at the end of four years he may be graduated with an academic degree. It is often late in his course, if at all, that he gets the idea that a university is a place where a man comes to work together with older students, the faculty, on problems of common interest. If he could only get some such idea earlier he would have a real "college spirit." Now college spirit in athletics is a matter of education, as any one well knows who has organized a few mass meetings, and so is this bigger college spirit. With Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other there was no question of college spirit in that university, but under

present conditions the student must be taught his ideals of loyalty and of honor—of true college spirit. The faculty is as truly interested in this as in the teaching of Latin or physics, but other students are the chief educators. Because of the close companionship and the continuity of the organizations, the fraternities have a peculiar advantage in the handing down of traditions and ideals of college spirit, and ultimately they must accept a large share of the responsibility for the standards maintained. There is no real reason why a student should not become as much interested in seeing his fraternity stand at the head of all that is best in college life as he is in seeing his college team win an inter-collegiate championship, if he should once get interested in the former game. There is no real reason why a student is more justified in cribbing in an examination than in forging a check at the bank. The engineer who builds a bridge that collapses because he cribbed through his course in strength of materials and the doctor who has a fatal operation because he cribbed through his course in anatomy realize this too late, but a strong fraternity tradition that demands the same standard of honor in the classroom, on the athletic field, and among all men will do much to establish a true college spirit that will make any other standard of honor untenable.

When possible to have them, two or three patrons or advisers (probably not more) chosen from resident faculty or alumni may be of immense value to the fraternity in maintaining its traditions and carrying out its permanent policies. They have the advantage of working as individuals without the restraints of official faculty connection, but they must have an enthusiasm well tempered with wisdom and a feeling of responsibility for their position. Their influence like that of the faculty committee on fraternities must be guiding and directing and not dominating, because such outside dominance removes from the fraternity the feeling of responsibility so necessary for its proper development.

Finally, if fraternities are really a good thing, of permanent value to the members, and if all the fraternities are working together for the good of the university, the logical conclusion is that the system should be so developed that every one at all congenial may have the opportunity of belonging to a fraternity and

sharing in its benefits. It would then no longer be undemocratic to belong to a fraternity, and a wise and constructive policy, made possible of execution through the system of organization, would carry the whole student body onward to the highest standards of honor, morality and scholarship.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion may we say that throughout this article we have emphasized the spirit and point of view rather than details of administration. Any problem approached in the right spirit and with a clear understanding of the essential principles involved is capable of general solution. The details depend on local conditions. The idea that the greater good of the university must always come first is fundamentally true and makes a strong appeal to every normal student and faculty man. It should be the standard by which every proposition is measured. Some of the suggestions made are frankly ideal, but we must have ideals toward which we may strive if we are to progress intelligently. May we then sketch briefly an ideal fraternity and its relation to the university.

The ideal fraternity is composed of students who are at an educational institution for the purpose of acquiring an education. These students live together on terms of intimate friendship with others of congenial tastes, take an interest in society and in varied college activities, have a college spirit that demands the same standard of honor in the classroom, on the athletic field, and among all men, and are broad enough to co-operate with the other fraternities in working for the best interests of the university. The university, recognizing the strength of the fraternity idea, is interested in directing its energies in the right way. This directing influence comes through the personal efforts of the faculty rather than through an elaborate system of rules and regulations. The encouragement of the chapter house system and an inter-fraternity council are in the direction of student self-government and when the fraternity system is working properly it should be so extended that all the students may share its benefits.

EDWARD BEATTIE STEPHENSON.

ST. LOUIS.

The twenty-fifth biennial Congress of Alpha Tau Omega will be held at St. Louis, Missouri, December 27-30, 1916. We believe that the Congress and your visit to St. Louis will be much better enjoyed by getting you better acquainted beforehand, not only with some of the great and interesting things to be found here in St. Louis today, but also with its picturesque past.

In 1722, shortly after the occupation of New Orleans by the French under Jean de Bienville, that city was made the capital of Louisiana, which at that time comprised the entire region between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains, from the north coast of Texas to the southern boundary of British America.

The possibilities of the fur trade of this vast region were readily foreseen by the enterprising French of New Orleans. Accordingly the Louisiana Fur Company was organized by a number of thrifty citizens of New Orleans to develop the fur industry farther up the Mississippi.

In 1762 Pierre Laclède Linguette (born in France in 1724) at the head of this company secured from Labadie, then Governor of Louisiana, the exclusive right to trade with the Indians farther up the Mississippi and along the Missouri, with authority to establish such trading posts as would be of advantage to the furtherance of the enterprise.

Hauk says: "Linguette, or Laclède as he was generally known, was a man of enterprise, of courage and tenacity of purpose. That he was farseeing and not devoid of imagination is shown in the selection he made of the site where is located his great city whose glory and magnificence he could even then see in the dim future. Though the spot where he is buried is unknown and no stone marks his grave, yet the great city which has grown up where he so wisely established his trading posts is his monument."

Laclede set out in 1763 to explore the empire he controlled. The task which confronted him was fraught with numerous dangers and hardships and required not only the guidance, but also the assistance of none but men of sturdy and brave natures.

Among those who accompanied Laclede, and who possessed to an unusual degree the qualities required, were the two brothers, August and Pierre Chouteau, born of French parentage in New Orleans, the former in 1739, the latter in 1749. These two men with Laclede as leader divide the honor of founding St. Louis.

The chief purpose of Laclede was to establish for the Louisiana Fur Company a trading post at some advantageous point on the Mississippi or Missouri River, which would be accessible to trappers, hunters and Indian traders and at the same time afford ready transportation to the markets of the world. The spot where St. Louis is located was finally selected as the one fulfilling all requirements, and Laclede with the two Chouteaus as his lieutenants took formal possession of the site, February 15, 1764, and named it St. Louis in honor of Louis 9th, King of France from 1226 to 1270, called St. Louis because he had been canonized by the Church for his many virtues, and was known as the special protector of cities and towns from the encroachment of Feudal lords.

Hence we must credit the existence of the embryo of St. Louis of today to the thrift and energy of the early French fur traders of New Orleans.

St. Louis was never a boom town and is not one today. Its growth was slow at first, for during its first fifty years or more of existence it was really nothing more than a trading post, the fur trade being practically its only business, furs and skins being for some time its only medium of exchange.

The early success of Laclede's Village as it was known, was in a large nature due to the friendly feeling the French settlers had established and maintained with the Missouri Indians. The red men liked the French and trusted them, and the colony never suffered from the Indian atrocities that were so common among the colonies established by the English and other European nations.

The early commerce of St. Louis was of the crudest character and its growth in population was very slow until the purchase of the entire Louisiana Territory by President Jefferson in 1803. A more progressive population then began to come in and new commercial activity began to take root. The first newspaper, the *Missouri Gazette* (now the *St. Louis Republic*), was founded in 1808. This was followed in 1815 by the *Western Journal*. The first bank, the Bank of Missouri, in the same year. The first steamboat, the General Pike, landed at the foot of Market Street, August 2, 1817.

It had taken St. Louis fifty-one years to grow to a village of 2,000 population. The arrival of the steamboat seems to have instilled new life in the town. In the five years that followed it had increased 180 per cent. The period from 1840 to 1860 was filled with a great influx of all varieties of manufacture. In 1860 the population was 185,000 and St. Louis had established itself as one of the important cities of the country.

Since that time growth has been phenomenal in all directions. Not until after the Civil War had St. Louis really recognized the extent of its opportunities, which the city has so splendidly utilized since in establishing itself as the commercial metropolis of the great Southwest.

The population of St. Louis (1916 estimate) is 825,000. Uncle Sam's center of population has moved steadily westward until it is at our doorstep. Forty million people, two-fifths of the population of the United States, live within five hundred miles of St. Louis. Twenty-six of America's greatest railways focus at St. Louis in Union Station, one of the largest and most beautiful railroad stations in the world.

If you are in pursuit of pleasure or profit, you must come to St. Louis. If you are interested in giant industries, there is no better city in America to visit than St. Louis. There are over 32,000 factories in St. Louis employing over 140,000 persons, paying in salaries annually approximately \$95,000,000, and turning out manufactured products valued (1915) at \$500,000,000. The St. Louis bank clearings for 1915 were \$4,153,529,336. The St. Louis post office handled 77,575,958 pounds of mail in 1915 and the post office receipts for the same time were \$5,509,829.56.

St. Louis has the largest wholesale drug house in the world, the largest hardware house, the largest wholesale paper house and the largest brewery. In St. Louis you will find the largest dry goods market west of New York. St. Louis leads the United States in the manufacture of stoves. It possesses the largest wooden warehouse in the world, the largest horse and mule market, the largest shoe market and the largest primary fur market in the world.

It has one of the finest waterworks plants in the world, representing an expenditure of \$30,000,000, having a capacity of 140,000,000 gallons daily and furnishing the city with pure filtered water.

St. Louis covers $62\frac{1}{2}$ square miles, 1,659 miles of paved streets, 19 miles of river front.

The city of St. Louis, situated at the heart of the Continent, halfway between the East and the West, is the easiest city in the United States to reach from all parts of the country, and is indeed the ideal convention city.

From its earliest history the city has been fond of entertaining. It was a characteristic of the town in Colonial days, when the French tongue was the only one spoken within its walls. Large as the city is today, it is still constantly reaching out for an opportunity to entertain.

The *Christian Science Monthly* says: "The name of St. Louis is synonymous with hospitality. In no other of the great communities of the United States is more general or more marked attention paid to the civic guest; not exactly South and not exactly North, but combining all the better qualities of both sections, its people have time or make time for the bestowal of courtesies to strangers, even though to outward appearance they are as interested in dollar-getting as any other people in any other part of the Republic."

You will find hospitality first in St. Louis.

If you are interested in education and educational institutions you will find an interesting field in St. Louis. First of all are the 120 public schools and the six high schools, in which are enrolled 125,000 pupils, furnishing employment for over 2,400 teachers. Pick any one you like for a model among the 120 schools, and you

will find that in equipment and instruction, and in any other way, it will compare favorably with the best public schools in any other city. The city also possesses numerous parochial schools, convents and seminaries. The two schools for higher education are Washington University and St. Louis University. St. Louis University, founded in 1818 by the Jesuit Fathers, is the oldest university west of the Mississippi and is the only institution conducting complete courses in law, medicine, divinity and arts.

According to the will of the late James Campbell St. Louis University will eventually receive a \$30,000,000 endowment for medical school purposes.

Washington University, founded in 1837, one of the very wealthiest universities in the United States, is a model of a modern university plant.

The buildings are of red granite—Tudor Gothic—throughout, and are located on a beautiful rise of ground just west of Forest Park, at the city limits. University builders from far and near come to see and to study this modern plant. The university is made up of the following departments: The College, the School of Engineering and Architecture, the Henry Shaw School of Botany, the Law School, the Medical School, the Dental School and the School of Fine Arts.

The recently constructed Barnes Hospital group of buildings, costing over \$3,000,000, is used for study in connection with Washington University Medical School. This group of buildings, together with other recently constructed hospitals, gives St. Louis the most modern and best equipped hospital service of any city in the United States. The \$30,000,000 endowment that will eventually come to St. Louis University Medical School will make St. Louis the greatest medical and surgical center in the world.

No other city in America does more for its citizens or takes a greater interest in their welfare and happiness than St. Louis. To this end, the city has established a splendid system of parks, twenty-five in all, comprising nearly 3,000 acres.

Forest Park, the second largest municipal park in the United States, is the most noted. Here you will find the Forest Park Zoo, the Art Museum, the world's largest bird cage, Jefferson Memorial, Municipal Golf Links, tennis courts, boating lagoons, gridirons, diamonds, soccer fields and cricket greens, all free to the public.

Other parks equipped in a similar manner, are: O'Fallon, Tower Grove, Carondelet, Lafayette, Fairgrounds and other smaller parks.

The Fairground Park, the scene of county fairs and horse racing in the early days, now is noted for having the largest artificial outdoor swimming pool in the country. It has held over 5,000 people at a time. Municipal concerts, 150 in all, are given during the summer at the different parks, playgrounds and civic centers, without cost and by the best talent in the city.

Located in a number of places in the city are municipal playgrounds organized especially for the welfare and happiness of the poorest children. The city gives thirty neighborhood dances for these children and their parents each summer, and in the winter school buildings all over the city are used for a similar purpose.

Tower Grove Park on the south side is one of the most beautiful in the city and contains the historic statue of Shakespeare around which great English Shakespearean players have each planted a tree. Just across the way from this is the Missouri Botanical Garden, better known as Shaw's Garden, named after a philanthropist who gave it to the city. It is not necessary to tell you about this garden, for it is of world-wide fame. This is one of the sights you must not miss when in St. Louis attending the Congress.

O'Fallon Park with its deep ravines and natural beauty is the best place in the city to get a view of the Mississippi River and the mouth of the Missouri River in the distance.

From the standpoint of the historian or the archaeologist, St. Louis and its adjacent territory are most interesting.

In prehistoric times the ancient race of mound-builders chose the terrace bluffs at this point as a place to build their earthworks, and for this reason St. Louis is sometimes called the "Mound City." Only in quite recent years was the last one of the mounds removed from the present site of the city, and the great Cahokia Mound across the river in Illinois still stands as a monument to this ancient race.

St. Louis was the summer home of the Southern aristocracy in the antebellum days, and many of them lived at the old Planters Hotel and attended Ben De Ban Theatre. (This building still stands.)

Names closely associated with St. Louis prominent in American History are Pontiac (in memory of whom a monument was placed in the Southern Hotel near the spot where he was supposed to have been slain), Daniel Boone, old Tippecanoe Harrison, General William Tecumseh Sherman, who is buried in Calvary Cemetery, General Freemont and General Grant, who at one time sold cord wood for a living in St. Louis and later engaged in the real estate business. Grant's farm on the Gravois road, now owned by August Busch, is a place of historical interest. General Robert E. Lee superintended levee improvements in St. Louis shortly after he left West Point.

At the Jefferson Memorial in Forest Park you will find a wonderful collection of relics, remains of the handiwork of the mound builders, of the Indians who sold furs to the pioneers of St. Louis, and a fascinating assortment of Revolutionary, Mexican and Civil War relics.

If you are of the artistic turn of mind, there is a feast awaiting you at St. Louis. Its public buildings, its sweeping thoroughfares, Kinghighway, Lindell Boulevard, Grand Avenue and Twelfth Street, its fine statuary, and as a climax, the Art Museum on Art Hill in Forest Park.

Just around the corner from the Planters Hotel where the Congress is to be held, you may see the old court house, one of America's finest pieces of Greek architecture. Here you may also see the very block of stone from which slaves were sold at auction, and inside the structure you may see the room in which Dred Scott began his fight for freedom.

Art Hill and the Art Gallery was the center of the main plan of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Later on it was the amphitheatre where the Pageant and Mask of St. Louis was held in 1914, and which 197,000 people (the largest audience that ever attended a single spectacle) saw this wonderful civic performance.

Other buildings to attract those of artistic taste are the Public Library at Thirteenth and Olive Streets, a beautiful renaissance type of building; Temple Israel at Kinghighway and Washington, in pure Corinthian, and just across the street, St. John's Methodist Episcopal, South, in Neo Greek; the Second Baptist in Italian Gothic; nearby the Christian Science Church, in Italian Renais-

sance. A few blocks away on Lindell is the new Cathedral, the largest church in North America. Its style of architecture is a modern adaptation of the Ancient Byzantine.

There is a great variety of good taste displayed in and about the homes of St. Louis. Other cities have homes that cost as much money, but in no other of the great municipalities can be found as large a percentage of comfortable and well-kept homes as in St. Louis.

The city's surface transportation facilities are ample. Its automobile and taxicab service is excellent and at moderate prices. Its hotels are unsurpassed.

The central location of St. Louis presages one of the largest Congresses ever held by the Fraternity. No matter how young or how old you are make plans to attend.

Rest assured that the people of St. Louis will welcome you to the city in a spirit of real friendship. All sections of the country are happily blended in this metropolis of the Mississippi Valley.

The thrift of the North, the hospitality of the South, the refinement of the East and the vision of the West.

Details of the Congress, the program, etc., will be published in the December PALM.

The Editor's Views

The St. Louis Congress should bring forth the largest attendance of any meeting of the Fraternity. The many questions of prime and vital import now clamoring for solution should enlist the interest of alumni wherever they may be, and the degree of interest should be great enough to induce them to journey to the Congress city. Moreover, the members in the West and Middle West who have heretofore had no opportunity of attending the Fraternity's great biennial gathering should and undoubtedly will come to St. Louis in numbers large enough to warrant serious consideration of the project of holding a Congress still farther West in 1918.

The most western point heretofore reached by the Fraternity Congress is Chicago, where we met in 1902. That meeting was undoubtedly the most successful Congress held up to that date. Since then much water has passed under the bridge. In 1902 the Fraternity had just entered upon its westward march. Many of the fine flourishing chapters of that splendid Trans-Mississippi country that have since blossomed forth were not then even in the budding stage. Firmly established in the South, the East and the North, Alpha Tau Omega was as yet a stranger to the educational institutions of the West. Now, however, the Fraternity has laid a solid foundation for all time in that teeming country; chapters are planted at strategic points; the alumni young in years, for the most part, are quite as fervent in their love for the Fraternity as the oldest of those of old Virginia. Indeed, Alpha Tau Omega has found an abiding home in the West just as it found permanence and stability in other sections of America. It is, therefore, meet and proper that now in the very heyday of her western progress she should meet in a mid-western town and there learn to know more intimately the men who have made possible the onward march of Alpha Tau Omega.

The election of Larkin W. Glazebrook as Orator of the St. Louis Congress is a most popular and appropriate action and the High Council is receiving merited commendation. Doctor Glazebrook has long been one of the most familiar figures at Congress and his presence there has always been a source of inspiration for young and old alike. His long term of unstinted service has qualified him to speak upon subjects of vital interest to the Fraternity, and his oration will beyond doubt be a treatise of great value. The fact that his father, and the Fraternity's father, Founder Glazebrook, will be prevented from attending Congress makes it exceedingly desirable that the Glazebrook name be represented and this is assured in the presence of our former Worthy Grand Chief. The PALM expects a splendid oration and it will not be disappointed.

The Greeks

GROWTH OF THE GREEKS.

The following new chapters of men's general fraternities are announced:

- A X P—Illinois.
- A Δ Φ—Stanford.
- A Σ Φ—Minnesota.
- X Φ—Wisconsin.
- K Σ—Wofford, Colorado.
- Φ K—Kansas.
- Φ K Ψ—Montana.
- Π K A—Southern Methodist.
- Π K Φ—Roanoke, Southern Methodist.
- Ψ Υ—Washington.
- Σ Φ E—Minnesota, Ames.
- Σ Π—Kenyon.
- T K E—Coe.
- Θ X—Dickinson, Illinois, Oregon Agricultural.
- Z B T—Alabama.

Sororities announce new chapters as follows:

- A Δ Π—Stanford.
- A O Π—Indiana.
- A Φ—Washburn.
- X Ω—Wisconsin, Southern Methodist.
- Δ Δ Δ—Indiana.
- K A Θ—Randolph-Macon.
- K Δ—Colorado Agricultural, Southern Methodist.

The following chapters of professional and honorary fraternities have been recently established:

- A Ω A—Indiana.

- Φ A Δ—Texas.
- Σ T—Oklahoma.
- Σ Y—Montana.
- T B Π—Carnegie.
- Θ T—Illinois, Missouri Mines.

New houses have been secured by the following chapters:

- B Θ Π—Kansas State, Westminster, Colorado Mines, Oklahoma, Davidson, Indiana.
- Δ X—Nebraska, Southern California.
- Δ Y—Pennsylvania State, Amherst.
- K Σ—Hampden-Sidney, Alabama, Pennsylvania State.
- Φ Δ Θ—Ohio.
- Π K Φ—Emory.
- Σ A E—Bucknell.
- Σ N—Maine.
- Σ Π—Lehigh.
- Θ X—Pennsylvania.

Fire losses to fraternity chapters are:

- Δ Y—Cornell.
- K Σ—Baker.
- Φ K Ψ—DePauw.
- Σ A E—Northwestern.



THE GREEK PRESS.

The *Mask* of K Ψ dishes up for its medical constituency a perfectly lovely case of "congenital pyloric stenosis." According to the *Mask* the patient recovered, but it must be hard to live down a name like that.

The *Quill* (Journalistic) advocates the instruction of all newspaper men in the law of libel. Most of them are sufficiently proficient in this art without deep study of its laws. It is—as our friend Harry Lauder might say—a gift.

This poesy thing seems to be epidemic among the girls. In our last issue we noted the tuneful character of the Γ Φ B *Crescent*. Now comes the *Key* of K K Γ with thirty-seven chapter letters all written in soulful song. Two chapters flunked the test, but all

the rest came through with the goods. Now just to demonstrate the futility of attempting to alter the classic form of chapter letter, even by requiring it to be rhymed, let us append a few specimens.

SWARTHMORE.

We're being very good these days
And here's the reason why:
We've two Phi Beta Kappas
In Chapter Beta I.
Two Student Execs and a President
Of Women's Student Government
We're good and proud and well content
In Chapter Beta I.

WEST VIRGINIA.

On February 26 new members we were proud to see
G. Collier from Tulsa; and from Charleston, D. Carn-ey,
Jean Ritchie, Frances Kinsey, each with a golden key,
And just before, Virginia Reed was pledged to K. K. G.
Gladly this semester welcomed back by Beta U
Were Ida Smith and Flora Furbe, of the blue and blue,
And in June at Convention we shall all be there with you
And Beta Upsilon will gladly help to sing, "Too-hoo!"

KANSAS.

Our freshmen are the finest lot,
The upper classmen flunketh not;
We're busy both night and day,
A Kappa leads the senior play.
Another leads the big May Fete,
While others sing on "Soph Hop" date.
So now you see we're doing fine
We're on the job most all the time.

ILLINOIS.

On February 18 we had our formal ball,
It was a fine occasion, and much enjoyed by all.
Of freshmen ten the Lit Clubs, we're pleased to say took five,
Which shows that they're real prodigies and very much alive.
Three seniors and a junior for Phi Bete keys had marks,
O. Hormel, Drew, H. Barto and Gabel were the sharks.
Second place in scholarship helped feelings of the rest.
Greetings from Beta Lambda. To all her very best.

WISCONSIN.

Marian Ward left us to be married.
 Buff Helm finished, but with us she tarried.
 Dear Jessie Bosshard has hurried back home,
 Tucked under one arm her precious diplom'.
 Alice and Lucile went— isn't that mean?
 Ruth Davies married and went to Racine.
 In far-off Hawaii is our Helen Porter.
 All these dear sisters we're missing this quarter.

And, just to be up to date, Ohio State warbles in *vers libre* as follows:

On the twenty-first of January a formal to our pledges we gave,
 Marian Tinsley we have initiated and Elizabeth Towt have pledged.
 Olga Elifritz, to Phi Upsilon Omicron is bid,
 And Jeretta Taylor, president of the Glee Club was made.
 We also in the French Club will represented be next year,
 And in other activities the Kappas are claiming their share.
 Delta Tau Delta for Kappa won the cup in the inter-sorority relay,
 And we're sorry this is our last line, tho much more could we say.

Editorially the *Key* inquires of the whole world, "On the whole, they are pretty good, are they not?" Just so, dear *Key*, just so. They are not.



PANNING CHAPTER SCRIBES.

When the editor of any old fraternity magazine has a few spare moments on his hands and nothing particular in his head he sits down to his trusty typewriter and dashes off a column or so of peevish language about chapter letters. This has been going on for forty years and in the meantime the chapter letter has been traveling along smoothly in the same old groove. Moreover, we venture to predict that it will continue so to travel for the next four hundred years. The editor of this department is proud to note that our esteemed chief has sworn off on this sort of thing. If he ever forgets that vow we promise to remind him of it.

It is interesting to note how many magazines are making a very decided effort to raise the standard of chapter letters, both as to form and content.—*A Δ Π Adelphean*.

Yes, sister, and it is still more interesting to note how long they have been at it and just how much progress they have not

made. You know what Mahomet did when the mountain refused to come.

Another editor has seen the light "as through a glass, darkly."

For seventeen years we have devoted a large part of the labor necessary to the production of each number of *The Rainbow* to the editing of chapter letters. Right here we reform. Hereafter, with the exception of the necessary editing of spelling and punctuation, we shall reproduce chapter letters as the secretaries write them. Some of our secretaries had better take warning and exercise a little more care in the preparation of their letters.—*A T A Rainbow*.



CLIPPINGS AND COMMENT.

A X is a GENERAL FRATERNITY in every respect save one, in which it has voluntarily LIMITED itself IN SCOPE. LIMITED, merely in that the Fraternity seeks only to INITIATE MEN as its members who are PREPARING TO STUDY LAW or who are actually STUDYING LAW, for the purpose of preparing themselves to practice their profession or to aid them in whatever other field of endeavor they may pursue.—*A X Quarterly*.

The *Caduceus* of K Σ advises to sell the chapter dog, if necessary, but by all means to procure a copy of Dean Clark's "The Fraternity and the College." The *Caduceus* says:

Not every college can have a Dean Clark or a Davy Hoy, but every fraternity chapter and officer can well afford to get this book. There will be no trouble about getting it read. The man who for so many years has enjoyed, and deserved and respected, the confidence of the men students of a great state university knows what he is talking about. He has a bunch of true stories to prove every point he makes. *Dean Clark's head is level*. Read his book.

Even A X P, which admits that it is the only Simon-pure Christian fraternity in captivity, has its little troubles.

"Let's go down town," is not an invitation to join the Devil at the Sink of Iniquity—yet it is a temptation to give up doing some college work, postponing some cheery visit to a man who you noticed seemed lonesome, spending some money you wanted for another purpose, waiting till "tomorrow" to write that letter home—that's what it is, and when a freshman gets that invitation, he ought to bring his best reasoning apparatus into play and rationally determine for himself whether he'll say "Yes" or "No" to the invitation. It's the saying "No" that he'll find the hardest. "Yes" is such an easy word that rolls right off the tongue. "No" sort of sticks until it is forced out.—*A X P Garnet and White*.

One of the most sensible articles on "preparedness" which we have seen has been written by Elizabeth A. Helmick, a member of $\Pi B \Phi$, and appears in the *Arrow* of that sorority. Mrs. Helmick says, in part:

That the policy of disarmament has been a mistaken one is fully supported by the records of our nation, unfortunately little known until the present European war forced them upon the public mind. It certainly cannot be said that it prevented war, for during our comparatively short history as an independent nation, we have fought our full share of wars, foreign and domestic, offensive and defensive, in addition to the almost incessant wars with Indian tribes that accompanied the development of the continent. On the contrary, it has produced confusion and led to inefficiency in the conduct of the affairs of the War Department at the beginning of every war that we have waged. It has necessitated the employment of great numbers of untrained men in excess of those used by our opponents: it has prolonged the duration of our wars, increased their cost to the Government and laid waste unnecessarily the homes of our people: and it has created a pension burden which to date almost equals the cost of the wars waged. If a fraction of this immense pension budget had been used in training and maintaining a sufficient army in time of peace, the wars would most certainly have been shortened, fewer lives would have been sacrificed, and future expense lessened, had not the wars, themselves, been avoided.

This interesting account of a college initiation as practiced in the middle ages in Germany is from an article by Parley C. Patten in the *Purple, Green and Gold* of $\Lambda X A$:

The culprit is decked with huge horns, teeth and other features to represent those of a wild boar. Two youths enter the room and pretend to be greatly disturbed by a foul odor. They look about to determine what may be the cause of such an obnoxious stench, when their eyes light on the "monster." They are on the point of fleeing when one of them is possessed with the happy thought that the beast can perhaps be converted into a human being. They approach the disgusted "bajan" and proceed to ply him with embarrassing questions. He is made to confess all sorts of terrible and disgraceful crimes. This continues until one of the youths suggests the possibility of his reformation and admission to their society. But in order to accomplish this his physical appearance must be changed.

A person appears who claims to be a learned doctor capable of removing the horns, filing the teeth, curing the blindness, and shaving the long and horrible beard of the "bajan." Planes, augers, saws, pincers and other suitable instruments are procured. The "bajan" is laid on a table and undergoes the planing of his tusks, the filing of his teeth, the cutting

of his nails and the clipping of his hair. The ceremony also includes the adorning of the youth's chin with a beard by means of burnt cork, and the administration, internal or external, of salt and wine. Finally the "bajan" has lost his animal appearance and upon the discovery that he is really a human being is admitted into the college as a regular student.



WHAT THEY SAY.

It has been some years since we have had occasion to examine any number of these books and we have been struck with the extravagance evidenced in their production, and yet costly as they are, they seem to be sought after and purchased to such an extent that a back number is almost impossible to obtain. It is quite obvious that printers in the preparation of these volumes take advantage of the lack of technical experience of the compilers. The books display little skill in the arrangement of the matter and are replete with blank spaces which printers quite appropriately term "fat" and are full of the most costly printing expedients, such as the use of insets and similar material involving an unusual expense in binding. Every time we mention it we evoke a humorous protest from a number of our readers, but we are still of the opinion that it would be greatly to the advantage of college people if the usual college course included elementary instruction in printing. Few people know how to correct proof; they certainly do not know how to economize space and display type; they habitually use the wrong faces and fonts of type and they do not understand that printers not only charge for everything which they do, but frequently for things they do not do. It is our belief that almost every annual which has come under our observation could have been just as satisfactorily made and presented just as pleasing, if not a more pleasing, appearance than at present at one-half the obvious cost.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

In the earlier days of professional "fraternities," more than ten years ago, it fell to *The Caduceus* to note the first, though not the last, entrance of the Greek idea into the field of veterinary medicine, with the foundation of the order of *M Y A*, its official organ, the *Hitchingpost*, its chapters named after horses famous in history or fiction. We should have chronicled in the last preceding number of this magazine the recent transformation of *M Y A*. Finding competition keen in its restricted field, it has effected a transformation and is now to be known as *Γ A Σ*. It establishes its chapters in schools of automobilism, although men are eligible who have only declared their intention to become chauffeurs later. In a few cases eminent taxi drivers have been admitted as honorary members. The customs of the transformed order are most peculiar and interesting. The chapters are familiarly referred to as garages, and are named after well-known makes of automobiles, a body of petitioners naturally being

known as a tin Lizzie, a flivver or a jitney. The ceremony of initiation is patterned after the ancient *taurobolium*, or bath of blood, in which the suppliant, placed in a pit beneath the altar, was drenched in the gore of the sacrificed victim. In the case of *Γ Α Ξ* the candidate is deposited in the repair pit, and the grease and gasoline drain cocks of a car being opened above him, he is pronounced to have been dry-cleaned. An amendment to the constitution is pending which will allow the fraternity to establish itself in schools of aviation.—*K Σ Caduceus*.

The following list of incompetents was taken from the Nebraska National Guard *Bulletin*. They are seen about us every day. Many of them are the logical successor of the "cracker box statesman" who used to sit in front of the little village grocery store and post office. Unfortunately they are far more dangerous to the Nation.

"1. The man who thinks the United States can lick all creation.

"2. The man who thinks one American can lick any five foreigners.

"3. The man who wants the United States to adopt a firm stand against any nation, but who does not want his son to fight in case of war.

"4. The peace-at-any-price man who thinks that gentleness and persuasion can prevail against an envious and determined enemy.

"5. The man who would send untrained and undisciplined troops against a trained and well-organized enemy.

"6. The mother 'who didn't raise her son to be a soldier,' but expects some other mother's son to protect her in time of danger.

"7. The man who doesn't know that an army without strong artillery would stand no more show in a modern war than a snowball in Mexico.

"8. The yap statesman who orates about the Glory of the Flag, but who voted against every attempt to provide adequate protection for it.

"9. The man who thinks that the richest and most defenseless of all great nations can have a Monroe Doctrine and an Open Door in China policy, without running the risk of getting into war."—*Scabbard and Blade*.

While one of the most interesting features of the G. A. C. was the exhibit of Fraternity archives, it was at the same time one of the most important. In fact, its importance has been altogether too long neglected by the Fraternity. The interest which it excited and the favorable comment which it elicited are evidence of its value. The Fraternity should own such a collection of documents and pictures, should have a secure place for their preservation, and should add to them from time to time. It is hoped that the worthy efforts of the Pittsburgh brothers may be the means of bringing a collection of archives into the permanent possession of the Fraternity.—*Θ K Ψ Shield*.

A "filler" sentence in the March *Quarterly* reads: "On the *Δ Γ* coat-of-arms the crest, a knight's helmet, typifies democracy; the raised visor

denotes non-secrecy." We remember a remark like this in a fraternity journal of some twenty years ago: "*A Y* meets our criticism upon her crest with a new design in which the visor is raised—and the helm thus shown to be empty." *K Σ* should know how hard it is to please the other fellow; but when and how did the knight's helmet become a sign of democracy? Certainly not before the invention of gunpowder.—*K Σ Caduceus*.

We are supposed to be attending a college, not a fraternity. We surely don't want people to think that our fraternity absorbs all of our attention and time, as some people might be inclined to think. I heard this remark quite aptly made by a practical New England lady and I think it quite deserved. "Mrs. Brown, what is your niece majoring in at college?" "Well, as far as I can make out she is majoring in 'frat.'"—*Σ K Triangle*.



THE EDITOR WAS THERE.

It is truthfully said that nobody can describe the Grand Canon of the Colorado, but that most everybody tries. We note that many of the fraternity magazines are trying to describe the Military Training Camp at Plattsburg, but I know one editor who knows enough not to try. He is going again and will endeavor to induce all his friends to do likewise.



FRATERNITY ADMINISTRATION.

The best way to administer the affairs of a fraternity is an unsettled problem, and various experiments are still being made. The administration of most of the larger fraternities is directed by an executive committee or council, and by district chiefs or province presidents. The executive committee plan dates back about forty years and the district chief plan nearly as long. The latter was adopted, first, by *B Φ Π*, in 1874, and, secondly, by *Φ Δ Θ*, in 1880.

Five or six years ago, some of the smaller fraternities adopted the plan of having traveling secretaries, whose duty was to visit and inspect the active chapters. Their example was followed by some of the larger fraternities. Some of these fraternities have, however, abandoned this plan, and the traveling secretaries of some do not now travel as much as they attempted to do at first.

One trouble was that it was found difficult to raise the money necessary to pay the salary and traveling expenses of a competent officer. Several fraternities, failing to get regular contributions from their alumni for this purpose, increased considerably the dues of active members,

but even this additional income was insufficient. The larger fraternities that had traveling secretaries also found that this officer could not visit all the chapters in the fraternity in the academic year and remain long enough with each chapter to ascertain in what respects it was deficient and what was the best course to pursue to improve backward conditions.

Another trouble experienced by the fraternities having traveling secretaries was that, after these officers had been well trained in their peripatetic duties, they resigned. Their places were hard to fill with competent men, because men of unusual personality and uncommon ability are required to perform successfully the duties of traveling secretaries. Men of that type are in great demand for many lines of business, and college fraternities cannot hope to hold their services long.

One of the larger fraternities to appoint a traveling or field secretary was $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. It appointed Mr. C. C. Chambers, a man who was unusually well-qualified for the position, but, after about two years, he resigned the office to accept a business offer. He was succeeded by Mr. W. E. Atkinson, but the March *Phi Gamma Delta* says that he "has retired from the field secretaryship after a service of eight months."

$\Delta K E$ has had for four or five years a general secretary and an assistant secretary or traveling secretary—he is called by both names. Mr. J. A. Homes has continuously served as general secretary, though the *\Delta K E Quarterly* has stated several times that the income of the fraternity was not sufficient to pay his salary. The occupant of the office of assistant or traveling secretary has been changed frequently—about once a year. The 1915 convention of $\Delta K E$ required each active chapter to form an alumni association among its graduate members, and assessed an annual tax of 50 cents per capita on two-thirds of the alumni of each chapter. A circular letter from the executive committee of the council of $\Delta K E$, published in *The Quarterly* for February, says:

"The convention held in San Francisco last July passed an amendment to the constitution, making the organization of alumni associations compulsory, and their contribution a tax from and after January 1, 1916, the penalty for failure being loss of representation on the council. It has been truly said that a chapter whose alumni fail in this matter is not keeping step to the march of $\Delta K E$. It is imperative that this new provision of our organization should be adopted unanimously—the annual tax at rate of 50 cents on two-thirds of the living alumni (with maximum for any chapter of \$200) is fair, and a small item for any member in view of the benefits received during college and after life; moreover, it is much less than paid in several other fraternities."

The following also is quoted from the circular letter:

"Q. What are the sources of income of the council?

"A. \$3 per annum from each undergraduate, plus \$1 for the *Quarterly*; subscriptions to the *Quarterly* from graduate members at \$1.50 each; royalties on pins, song books and fraternity supplies; contributions from

graduate members, and from each chapter alumni association an amount equal to 50 cents per member, based on two-thirds of living members, said amount being payable annually. You are here reminded that the *Quarterly* is the official organ of your fraternity, carefully edited and a high-grade publication, carrying to graduate and undergraduate subscribers a large amount of interesting information on current topics of colleges and fraternities, scholarship statistics, chapter letters, etc.

"Q. What are the expenses of the council?

"A. Office rent and running expenses of council office in New York City; printing and distribution of reports, minutes, general fraternity literature and the *Quarterly*; salary and traveling expenses of the general secretary and assistant secretary; expenses incident to membership in the Inter-Fraternity Conference, and protection of our interests when affected by hostility of college officers or state legislatures.

"Q. What do these expenses amount to annually?

"A. About \$7,500.

"Q. Is the income adequate to meet the expenses?

"A. The income described would defray all expenses of the average year if each chapter had organized an alumni association which paid its share. In recent years there has been an average deficit of about \$3,000

"Q. How has this deficit been met?

"A. Partly by the generous voluntary subscriptions of a few members; in part by the general secretary foregoing a large portion of the salary voted him by the annual convention and council; in part by amount received in the last two years from chapter alumni associations.

"Q. Do other fraternities receive financial support from their graduates, aside from voluntary gifts, for endowment?

"A. Several of the best fraternities have for many years been receiving from their graduates a regular contribution to the expenses of the national fraternity, such contribution in several cases being \$5 per member per annum. The fraternities, $\Delta \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta \Psi$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Delta \Phi$ and $\Delta T \Delta$ have each a New York City club—we have none, but in response to a general demand, plans for such a club are being considered, and should they be worked out, we anticipate that advantages similar to those realized by our rivals will accrue to $\Delta K E$ through having here a first-class club which will be also our general headquarters."

In the last few years several fraternities have established general headquarters or central offices. The maintenance of such an office involves raising funds sufficient to pay for office rent and for the salaries of a general secretary and a stenographer. Certainly this is more expensive than the plan of apportioning executive duties among several officers, each receiving no salary or a comparatively small salary. Whether the plan of having one full-time salaried officer to attend to practically all executive duties will be found to be more efficient than the plan of apportioning the duties among several officers is very questionable.

The most recently adopted administrative plan of fraternities is the appointment of alumni advisers for all chapters. Such appointments were made by $K \Sigma$ five or six years ago and by several other fraternities, including $\Phi \Delta \theta$, last year. These alumni advisers do not receive any salaries, and it is believed that the close and constant attention that they will give to their respective chapters will result in much improvement—such as greater care in the selection of members, elevating the moral tone of the members, raising the scholastic standing, better relations with the faculty, better financial management, and a reduction in expenses, especially in curtailing expenses for social entertainments, which in many cases have become burdensome and have aroused the opposition of parents.—Walter B. Palmer, in $\Phi \Delta \theta$ *Scroll*.



GREEK GOSSIP.

At the recent "Grand Arch Council" of $\Phi \Psi K$ held at Pittsburgh there were in attendance 586 men and 206 ladies. Why all the men?

Stanford is the first university to take steps preventing fraternities building extravagantly. The cost of a fraternity house on university property has been limited to \$25,000.— $K \Delta$ *Angelos*.

A few years ago $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ inaugurated a financial scheme calling for dues of \$1 a year from each of its alumni. According to the last issue of the fraternity's magazine, "many alumni have disapproved of the plan," which "was generally unpopular and unacceptable."— $\Phi \Psi K$ *Shield*.

A new local fraternity has been formed from the Bowdoin Club; it has taken the name of $\Phi \theta \gamma$. The other local fraternity, $B X$, is petitioning ΣN for a chapter. Three hundred and forty of the 400 men in college are now members of fraternities.—Bowdoin correspondence, $\Delta \gamma$ *Quarterly*.

In his first address of the college year, President Wheeler of the University of California stated that the scholarships of the fraternity memberships had improved in the last three years to such an extent that, whereas before that time the average of scholarships from members as a whole, the fraternity average was now above the university average.— $\Sigma A E$ *Record*.

"During the discussion of jewelers and jewelry at the conclave a veteran of the fraternity made a surprising assertion, but declared that he had all necessary proof of its truth. It was that some makers of fraternity jewelry make it more or less a custom to unload shopworn or unsalable badges by planting them with pawnbrokers in various cities. A badge exposed in a pawnshop window is pretty certain to be redeemed before long by some member of the fraternity to which it of right belongs. Another argument for the numbering and registering of badges."— ΣK *Triangle*.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Dean Thomas Arkle Clark of the University of Illinois reports that the sum of \$194,342 was earned last year in Champaign and Urbana by students. Of this sum 997 non-fraternity men earned \$148,377 and 336 fraternity men earned \$45,965. The proportion of fraternity men working is larger, however, than that of non-fraternity men.—*School and Society*.

Harvard will follow the example of Yale and Princeton, and increase her tuition fee to two hundred dollars. This does not include the Medical, Law and Divinity schools, which are already at the above figure. This step is taken to overcome deficits, provide better teachers, and to increase expenditures on the needs of the school, especially for a new library in 1916-17. Harvard is not a state university and, therefore, does not receive any appropriations from the state.—*Σ Φ Emerald*.

Belgian refugees in Holland have founded the University of Amersfoort. They realized that the large body of Belgians with nothing to do would be happier and better off if they had something to keep them busy.

The faculty includes some of the most distinguished Belgian scientists and scholars.

It is unique among educational institutions in that its professors establish their own "chairs," choose their own subjects and treat them as they wish. They are bound by no official rules and harassed by no traditions.

The student enjoys similar freedom. He undergoes no admission examination, chooses his own courses of study, and completes them when he thinks he has had enough.—*K Δ Angelos*.

From 1904 to 1914, Georgia State University has increased 494 per cent.; State University of Washington, 327 per cent.; State University of Oregon, 185 per cent.; State University of Oklahoma, 164 per cent.; State University of California, 117 per cent.; State University of Wisconsin, 103 per cent. In enrollment California increased 4,733; Wisconsin, 3,422; Tennessee, 3,372.

From 1894 to 1914, State University of Illinois increased 671 per cent.; University of Washington, 613 per cent.; University of Oregon, 402 per cent.; University of California, 394 per cent.; University of Colorado, 384 per cent.; University of Wisconsin, 292 per cent. In enrollment the University of California increased 6,997; University of Minnesota, 5,293; University of Wisconsin, 5,038.—*Journal of Education*.

Harvard, Princeton, Bowdoin, Williams and the Universities of Michigan and Minnesota have made military instruction a part of the curriculum, the course being elective, but in some, if not all, of these instructions, completion of the course will count as a credit toward obtaining a diploma.

A site has been selected for the \$1,500,000 chapel which John D. Rockefeller, founder of the University of Chicago, desires shall be the central and dominant feature of the group of university buildings. The university has received \$200,000 for a divinity school building.—*Ø 1 Ø Scroll.*

Students of the University of Pennsylvania want military training. A petition containing two hundred names demanding its installation has been handed to the Board of Trustees.

The University of Michigan has passed a rule that no "pastors" can be stuck on suitcases or other baggage. It is claimed that it is against the conservatism of present-day ethics.

George Ade, '87, has resigned from the university board of trustees at Purdue, because, according to his statement, he has for a long time not been in accord with the faculty's "general policy of repression and regulation in the matter of student enterprises."

Insuring their lives in favor of their college is the latest method which has been devised by the senior class at Princeton University for raising an alumni memorial fund. The system has been approved by both the Princeton graduate council and the Board of Trustees, and it is expected that after twenty-five years the class will have at least \$60,000 to present to the university. The insurance policies will be taken out individually by the members of the graduation class, and the premiums will range roughly from \$4 to \$15 per year, bringing in a return of from \$100 to \$400 each. The policies are to be held by a large insurance company and will be divided into three classes, the entire principal being paid to the university after twenty-five years.—*Banta's.*

WILLIAM C. SMILEY.

The Alumni

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. John N. Van der Vries (Kansas), a son, John N. Van der Vries, Jr., June 10, 1916.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Anderson (Wisconsin), a son, John T., April 5, 1916.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Waugh (Wooster), a son, William Mahr, on May 24, 1916, at 1410 Jonquil Terrace, Chicago, Illinois.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Grant C. Caywood (Iowa State) and Miss Marjory Willard, of Duluth, Minnesota.

Kenneth Foust (Kansas) and Miss Anna Fryar.

Leon Howe (Kansas) and Miss Hazel I. Williams.

Paul Rathfon (Kansas) and Miss Betty Waldo.

Theodore J. Rhodes (Kansas) and Miss Anna Knox.

Allen Shaw (Kansas) and Miss Oreta Moore.

Leo Smith (Kansas) and Miss Blanche Houston.

Dale Young (Kansas) and Miss Marian Judd.

Richard W. Galbraith (Sewanee) and Miss Helen Cunningham, of Newton, Massachusetts.

Stanley M. Brown (Tufts) and Miss Ethel Thomas.

Harry E. Tower (Tufts) and Miss Grace D. Folger.

Eulas E. Perkins (Wittenberg) and Miss Marian H. Waters.

MARRIAGES.

William Schneider (Chicago) and Miss Dorothy Marlowe, of Elgin, Illinois, May 15, 1916.

Cyres M. Birney (Colorado) and Miss Doris E. Skinner, at Denver, Colorado, July 28, 1916.

Eugene P. Fowler (Colorado) and Miss Agnes H. Clark, at Denver, Colorado, July 19, 1916.

Kenneth A. Kennedy (Colorado) and Miss Marjorie McKee, at Denver, Colorado, July 12, 1916.

Paul B. Whitney (Colorado) and Miss Gladys W. Clark, at Denver, Colorado, June 14, 1916.

W. F. Thatcher (Cornell) and Miss Hazel M. Kunkle, July 8, 1916.

Paul W. Quillian (Emory) and Miss Eula DuPree, of Dublin, Georgia, July 4, 1916.

Edward J. Robeson (Georgia) and Miss Ruth Richards, at New York City, New York, August 15, 1916.

James H. McClure (Gettysburg) and Miss Mary E. Walton.

Dr. Clifford C. Hartman (Gettysburg) and Miss Charlotte B. Bailey.

Roger Hill (Illinois) and Miss Hortens Gettys, of Chicago, Illinois, June 10, 1916.

Edward Van der Vries (Kansas) and Miss Ruth H. Sheldon, at Paola, Kansas.

H. C. Louderback (Kansas) and Miss Caroline L. Connell, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Joseph W. Raine (Lehigh) and Miss Isabella McCann, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1916.

Dr. Henry C. Viereck (Oregon) and Miss Evelyn T. Davis, at San Francisco, California.

Park McK. French (Pennsylvania) and Miss Florence Loughridge, at Denver, Colorado, June 15, 1916.

William S. Meyer (Stanford) and Miss Helen M. Ware, of Williams, California, August 30, 1916.

Herman G. Siefert (Stanford) and Miss Marie McDowell, of Pasadena, California, April 8, 1916.

Henry Mauelshagen (Tennessee) and Miss Julia Hilley, at Leeds, Alabama, June 28, 1916.

Osgood S. Kinsman (Tufts) and Miss Alice W. Seymour, of Chicago, Illinois, May 20, 1916.

Hugh F. Loverying (Tufts) and Miss Ida M. Baisley, at Worcester, Massachusetts, June 13, 1916.

W. H. Scott (Vermont) and Miss Agnes Miller, at Albany, New York, March 24, 1916.

Thurman F. Springer (Washington and Jefferson) and Miss Mary Thompson.

Ralph W. Thomas (Washington and Jefferson) and Miss Mary Doak.

Clarence C. Kahle (Washington and Jefferson) and Miss Harriet Hespenheide, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Philip L. Donovan (Worcester) and Miss Hazel H. Prigmore, at Bellingham, Washington, July 25, 1916.

Alfred W. Jordan (Worcester) and Miss Madeline R. Townsend, at Worcester, Massachusetts, August 10, 1916.

Donald H. Mace (Worcester) and Miss Thelma Burbeck, at Newton Centre, Massachusetts, September 12, 1916.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

H. L. Hope (Albion) from 321 Rosedale Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., to 250 Lee Street, Webster Groves, Mo.

Joseph A. Kitts (California) from Nevada City, Cal., to R. F. D. No. 2, Grass Valley, Cal.

Clarence G. Ludwigs (California) from 2425 Le Conte Avenue, Berkeley, Cal., to 125 Newell Street, Walla Walla, Wash.

H. B. Boak (Colorado) from El Paso, Texas, to 1548 Broadway, Denver, Colo.

Russell D. Drinkwater (Colorado) from Denver, Colo., to Nederland, Colo.

John C. Eberle (Colorado) from Denver, Colo., to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jack Holmes (Colorado) from San Diego, Cal., to Boulder, Colo.

Ralph K. Kelley (Colorado) from Salinas, Cal., to Honolulu.

Frank D. Walsh (Colorado) from Box 26, Manitou, Colo., to 4037 Idaho Street, San Diego, Cal.

Charles R. Meissner (Cornell) from Indiana Harbor, Ind., to 1200 Western Street, Joliet, Ill.

M. F. Swalwell (Cornell) from 2730 Pine Street, Everett, Wash., to Falls City, Wash.

Robert A. Henderson (Florida) from Jacksonville, Fla., to 15-16 Earnhardt Building, Fort Myers, Fla.

M. H. Burroughs (Georgia) from Dublin, Ga., to Brunswick, Ga.

Robert B. Fortenbaugh (Gettysburg) from Gettysburg, Pa., to 214 West Newell Street, Syracuse, N. Y.

C. F. Maury (Illinois) from 407 Hawthorne Avenue, Houston, Texas, to 72 West Fiftieth Street, New York City, N. Y.

Clifford S. Miller (Indiana) from Y. M. C. A., Indianapolis, Ind., to care Prest-O-Lite Company, Merritton, Ontario, Canada.

J. M. Raeder (Iowa State) from 64 West Ross Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to R. F. D. No. 3, Shickshinny, Pa.

Walter C. Nollau (Kentucky) from St. Louis, Mo., to Y. M. C. A., Gatun, Canal Zone.

Bertram E. Ames (Maine) from 141 Milk Street, Boston, Mass., to 16 Gage Street, East Lynn, Mass.

Clifford E. Sifton (M. I. T.) from 316 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., to Belmont Road, Hood River, Ore.

Theodore F. Spear (M. I. T.) from 1165 Commonwealth Avenue, Allston, Mass., to Box 4, Rumford, Me.

H. C. Allen (Michigan) from 620 Monroe Street, Ann Arbor, Mich., to 179 Lake Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

Harold R. Curtis (Michigan) from Warwick, R. I., to P. O. Box 193, Conimicut, R. I.

A. J. Norton (Mt. Union) from 95 Rockland Avenue, Park Hill, Yonkers, N. Y., to 30 East Forty-second Street, New York City, N. Y.

M. H. Richards (Muhlenberg) from Allentown, Pa., to 1940 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

H. B. Graham (Ohio Wesleyan) from Clarksburg, Ohio, to Fostoria, Ohio.

T. A. McDonald (Pennsylvania) from Manila, P. I., to Bombay, India.

Wilbur T. Smith (Reserve) from 73 North Union Avenue, Salem, Ohio, to Williamson Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

L. C. Wykoff (Reserve) from 1006 Engineers Building, Cleveland, Ohio, to care Pittsburgh Commercial Exchange, Hartje Building, First Avenue and Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

L. T. McKee (Rose) from 2016 North 13½ Street, Terre Haute, Ind., to 555 East Walnut Street, Springfield, Mo.

C. M. Carmichael (Southern) from Oakchia, Ala., to care Alabama Power Company, Clanton, Ala.

C. W. Scholefield (Stanford) from 1619 Jaynes Street, Berkeley, Cal., to care Standard Oil Company, P. L. Department, Taft, Cal.

Alvin W. Quennell (Tufts) from 482 Schenectady, N. Y., to care General Electric Company, Monadnock Building, Chicago, Ill.

Gladstone Koffman (Union) from Humboldt, Tenn., to Shelbyville, Ky.

J. L. Brownell (Vermont) from Essex Junction, Vt., to Box 64, Portsmouth, N. H.

Charles E. Morse (Vermont) from 41 Pine Street, Springfield, Vt., to 7 Seyms Street, Hartford, Conn.

Wylie R. Cooke (Virginia) from Reusens, Va., to Box 334, Lynchburg, Va.

J. M. Carson (Washington and Lee) from 1845 Barrs Terrace, Jacksonville, Fla., to Dania, Fla.

F. A. Gray (Worcester) from 4616 Penn Street, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa., to 16 Spring Street, Lebanon, N. H.

Leander R. Hathaway (Worcester) from 63 Berkeley Street, Nashua, N. H., to P. O. Box 1917, Yale Station, New Haven, Conn.

T. A. Hulbert (Worcester) from 320 East 236th Street, New York City, N. Y., to 348 South Tenth Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

S. T. Williams (Worcester) from 24 Institute Road, Worcester, Mass., to 81 Fort Green Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.



A. T. O.'S ON THE BORDER.

The reader will discover that a large number of Alpha Taus are in service with the army on the Mexican border. The chapter and association letters state the names of many who are in that service and doubtless there are many more whose names are not yet reported. Already we are hearing of the informal meetings of Alpha Taus and we shall soon be regaled with all sorts of "experiences" in which the Fraternity connection figures. We are proud of our soldier boys and know that their records will compare favorably with those of the Alpha Taus who served in 1861 and 1898.

One of the newspaper clippings on our desk tells of the formation of a new alumni association:

Llano Grande, Mexico, Sunday, July 30.—This was a day of rest and recreation for the Indiana troops and they made the most of it. The men spent a happy day exploring the surrounding wilderness of the mesquite, cactus and chapparal, in playing baseball, in fishing in a canal, in writing letters and having a general good time. The men were especially interested in tramping through the country in the vicinity of the camp, for there they find all manner of plants and animals unknown in Indiana. "I wouldn't miss the experience we're having down here for anything," commented a First Indiana infantryman on returning from his day's hike. The men, now that the camp is well established and many of the early hardships overcome, are in good spirits and with the exception of those concerned about the welfare of dependents, are enjoying life here.

At the instigation of Indiana and Purdue University members of the fraternity who are now encamped here, fifteen men, commissioned and non-commissioned officers and privates, met by the light of a candle in the First Indiana quartermaster's tent and formed the Llano Grande Association of Alpha Tau Omega. About fifty members of the fraternity are in the Indiana, Nebraska and Minnesota regiments and they will perfect a permanent organization next Sunday. First Lieutenant Louis J. Koster, of Indianapolis, a Purdue member of the First Indiana Infantry, was made temporary president. Khaki-clad and tanned instead of arrayed in full dress and cleanly shaven the soldier Greeks from Indiana, Purdue, Nebraska and Minnesota Universities fraternized until taps. Among Hoosiers who were present as comrades and frat brothers, in addition to Lieutenant Koster, were Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Homer E. Tate, First Indiana Infantry, Indiana University; Quartermaster Sergeant E. Earl Moore, Company I, First Indiana, Indiana University; Quartermaster Sergeant Hugh W. Norman, Second Indiana band, Indiana University; Corporal Stewart Jackson, Company C, First Indiana, Ohio Wesleyan University; Private Kenrick A. Hiatt, Battery C, Purdue; Private Otto P. Tiemann, Battery B, Purdue; Private F. L. Haynes, Battery B, Purdue; Private Kenneth Hodges, Battery B, Purdue, and Private C. R. Bottenfield, Company I, First Indiana, Indiana University



KENNEDY FIGHTS BOOZE.

Thomas J. L. Kennedy (Washington University) is pictured in the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* under the caption, "Nemesis of Violators of Dry Ordinance," and the interesting story of his career is told in these words:

Tom Kennedy, all his life, has been hitting the line hard. Since he

left high school, and probably even before that, he has never seen the game from the sidelines.

Just now Mr. Kennedy has a job that calls for all his native fighting ability, resourcefulness and energy. He is city attorney, and is in charge of the prosecution of violators of dry laws.

This is trial work. Five days out of every seven Kennedy is in court, his understanding matched against the subtleties of counsel for the defendants. And he has piled up an astonishing amount of yardage against his opponents.

A thumb-nail sketch of the city attorney gives the date of his birth as March 4, 1879; the place at Fairfield, Minnesota. He was christened Thomas J. L. and that is the way his name is written on his university diploma.

When he was ten years old he came West to Montana, living at Missoula and Bear Mount. Here he was impregnated with the spirit of the West. Montana was real West then, with a code that gave every man a square deal, but hated the mollicoddle.

Kennedy was graduated from the Puyallup High School and attended Whitworth College for two years. Then the Spanish war broke out. Kennedy, figuratively, filed an information against the Spaniard and made preparations to try the case. He enlisted in Company K, First Washington Volunteers.

Falling ill of typhoid fever at the Presidio at the militia encampment in San Francisco, he spent three months in the hospital. His company was never sent into action, and when he was mustered out he sailed for Skagway, Alaska.

He began work as a bridge carpenter on the White Pass & Yukon Railroad. Kennedy knew mathematics. It was his best subject in high school. He was promoted to the engineering department and later joined the Klondike Mines Railroad at Dawson as instrument and topographical man. After four years in Alaska Kennedy entered the University of Washington in the fall of 1903.

Kennedy had achieved competence as an engineer, but he laid his plans to become a lawyer.

An honor student in the university, Kennedy will be remembered by his classmates rather because of the fight he led against a group of students who were in control of the *Pacific Wave*, since become the *University of Washington Daily*.

Kennedy had narrowly missed fighting in the Philippines. He had fought mountain torrents, glacial snows and obstinate grades with the railroad construction crews in the North. In the university Kennedy and his supporters ousted the undergraduates who composed the board of the *Wave*. This fight was waged on the ground that the university paper had become the political organ for the board.

The *Pacific Wave* contest aroused a storm whose echoes even found

their way outside of the university community. When Kennedy won he asked no place as editor or business manager for himself. He was content to sweep the old board clean.

Corporation Counsel Caldwell appointed Kennedy to office as city attorney on March 20th. Since his appointment the city attorney has handled more than 300 prosecutions and represented the city on 350 search warrant hearings. The city has collected \$8,000 in liquor revenues from fines assessed against persons prosecuted by the city attorney.

Of eight criminal actions initiated by Kennedy that went to the Superior Court on appeal he won six and lost one. There was a hung jury in one case, which will be retried.

In the damage cases brought against Mayor Gill and Chief of Police Beckingham for destruction of liquor stocks, Kennedy has represented the officials. He has been uniformly successful in this defense.

He went into office well qualified to handle criminal prosecutions. For four years he was deputy prosecuting attorney, the last two years in charge of the criminal department. During his two-year period he lost only four cases in the Superior Court.

Of recent years it has been customary when the city lost an appeal case or dismissed the action, for the Superior Court to charge the city with the statutory attorney's fee of \$15 in each case. Kennedy thought this unjust when he assumed the place in the legal department. He appealed to the court and the charge against the city in these cases has been discontinued.

The city attorney is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, scholarship fraternity; Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity; Alpha Tau Omega, general fraternity; Fir Tree, senior honor society at the university. These honors came from an active undergraduate life.

His honors since graduation have been measured by his success in the court room.

Kennedy is a hard-hitting line plunger.



A TRIBUTE TO HARMAN.

J. Eason Cross (Emory) contributed to the Emory *Phoenix* the following article on the poet of our Atlanta Congress, Henry E. Harman (Gettysburg):

"Business before pleasure" is a proverb as old as the hills. "Business is business" is the business world's axiom that has made countless thousands mourn. Yet in the innumerable throngs that are crushed beneath the merciless wheels of commercialism, there are some, though few, who choose the former watchword, but pass the heartless "business is business" by, later rising above Mammon's rabble to their long-looked-for pleasures, the desires of which have been burning their souls from earlier years.

Old fires are easily rekindled, whether it be the fire of love for a maiden, or the fire of love for an art. Georgia bows in grateful appreciation to her neighbor, South Carolina, for many worthy sons—notably the living and singing Frank Lebby Stanton and the living and lyric-souled Henry Elliott Harman, both maestros in verse. The latter named has a literary career that might be compared to Van Ness Myers' historical metaphor of the fire of history, for the fire of the "Art of Arts" has finally blazed forth as the pleasure of this Southerner.

One year after the War between the States, Henry Harman was born in Lexington County, South Carolina, being the son of Franklin James and Jane Mectze Harman. As a youth, he attended the Lexington High School, and afterward Pennsylvania State College, at Gettysburg. In his senior year he withdrew from college to become head of the high school at Spring Hill, in his native state. (In 1909 he was awarded his A. B. degree in recognition of his literary achievements.) He later went to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he published some commercial journals. After ten years of work, he moved to Atlanta, wishing a better business location. There he owns the *Southern Cotton Oil Magazine* and the *Southern Architect*, having also been president of the Southern Trade Press Association. These facts are evidences of a business man; yet, as he himself says, "when circumstances grew easier, the old love of writing returned. I was drawn to the woods in evening comradeship with Shelley and Keats and Lanier." So it seems, Tennyson says, "Eternal want of pence, which vexes public men," is the reason for Mr. Harman's tardiness in the world of literature.

Could Mr. Harman's verse be grouped, it would be placed under the three broad headings of Verses of Nature and its harmony, Verses of Love and Verses of God. Yet these are but one, for Lanier, this singer's acknowledged master, so truly says, "Music means harmony; harmony means love; love means—God!" and Mr. Harman says, "Poetry means sympathy." Hence, from his master's words, and from his own words, a general meaning of his lines is set forth.

That he who communes with Nature communes with Nature's God, is realized in the poet's "The Call of the Woods":

"Dear Woods, I pity him who never yet has known
Thy solitude, the peace which everywhere
Bends like a benediction softly blown
O'er all thy space, like answer to a prayer.
If I have sinned, repentance here I learn;
If I have hurt, forgiveness here I crave;
If I have fallen, evil here I spurn;
Out of my weakness, Woods, again I'm brave."

The trueness of everyday love is proved in this stanza:

"None ever guessed even half the joy he knew,
Nor yet how well he played life's little part;
To him the skies above were ever blue,
Because he carried love within his heart."

His versified prayers are beautiful in their simplicity and humanity
For instance:

"Dear God, this day I would obey
Thy mandate for 'the least of these.'
If I shall see in childhood's eye
A tear, or hear its sobbing cry,
Teach me its pain and grief to ease
And send it laughing on the way."

The poet's prayers remind one of those in prose of Stevenson on Samoa. Also the frequency of moral and religious themes recalls Van Dyke.

"Through all the splendor of day
Men, hand in hand, with Virtue went;
While Sin alone betook his way
With grief and discontent.

"But when the lights of day went out,
And lights of night came on,
Men walked the streets with Sin about
While Virtue walked alone."

is the author's much complimented "Day and Night."

Mr. Harman expresses the thoughts of many a longing one when he writes:

"Ah! bitter fate to have the dreams,
Yet not the skill of brush or pen
The vision's glories to translate:
This is the heritage of sin!"

Throughout this Georgian's verse, a deep love of the sea and seashore is manifest:

"When my soul reaches out for that unexplained longing for prayer
I come to the sea. And behold
The deeps and distance unfold
A God who is near, and who listens and answers me there."

"I stoop and kiss the glossy leaves just as you used to do—
Here all the blossoms weep with me just longing for you."
makes the reader think of the writer's contemporary.

Where is a prettier thought than

"Then in the stillness sung an olden tune
From Youth's forgotten June?"

This poet of the South has sung his tributes to many of the poet-sons of the South, notably Wilde, Hayne, Timrod and, quite naturally, Lanier.

Oglethorpe University hopes to give to the South another Lanier. Apparently the South already has one well in the footsteps of Lanier. Of course, Mr. Harman has his individuality in his writings, and it is only in admiration for his style when it is said that Harman and Lanier write in the same strain.

This man, this business-man-poet, who has been buoyed up by Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird"; this unpretentious man, who in speaking of the product of his art unconsciously gives an insight to his inner self: "Two things a poem must be: it must be spontaneous and sincere, and, to my manner of thinking, the simpler, the better"; this man, this Henry Harman, who has the King in the Kingdom of the Spirit within his soul when he hears the last songbird sing, could well in peace repeat his words: "It was the 'good night' of this wild sweet country to our pilgrimage, and we close the day with the thoughts of purity, innocence and serenity resting like a benediction upon our souls."



MCKELVIE FOR GOVERNOR.

Out in Nebraska one of our young Alpha Taus has been electioneering for the gubernatorial nomination. In a letter to the Editor, Dwight P. Griswold told the story of the campaign so well that his letter is reproduced here.

For fear that you had heard from no other source and thinking that it might be of interest to PALM readers, I am enclosing some political literature of our brother, S. R. McKelvie, who was a candidate at the late Primaries for the Republican nomination for Governor of the State of Nebraska.

He did not win the nomination, but he came so close he had them all scared. The winner received 30,917 votes and McKelvie received 30,197, while three other candidates had respectively twenty, nine and five thousand votes. In other words, he lost by 720 votes when there were 90,000 votes cast. He carried two-thirds of the counties in the State, but got beat in Omaha (the home of the victor) by 4,700 votes. The Prohibition question was the big thing here and you will see that Mack was "Dry." The victor won principally because he was older and had two of the biggest dailies in the State behind him, while McKelvie had none. Mack, however, is a young man and has the absolute confidence of the voters and some day is going to be Governor. Many voters thought he was too young at present, he being barely thirty-five.

His home is just across the alley from Gamma Theta's chapter house and he spends a good deal of his loafing time with the "gang" and if there is a better fraternity man any place, I don't know him. He is simply one of the bunch when he is around. He and his wife chaperon most of the chapter's parties and he showed how good a brother he was by wearing a fraternity stick pin when he had his campaign picture taken (you can tell the pin in the enclosed picture).

It might also be of interest to know that Brother Earl D. Mallery was elected as a delegate to the Republican National Convention which meets in Chicago next month. Brother Mallery is in line for Congress. He also is young, being about twenty-six.

LOUISVILLE PERSONALS.

B. M. Brigman (Kentucky) will take up his work this fall at the University of Louisville as professor in physics and mechanical drawing.

T. N. Taylor (Kentucky), formerly county agent in Oldham County, Kentucky, is now in a same position in Jefferson County with Louisville as headquarters.

Harry A. Beckman (Kentucky) will enter the medical college of the University of Louisville this fall.



CHICAGO PERSONALS.

Clarence L. Rakow (Wisconsin), Charles P. Stivers and S. S. Stevens of the same chapter are at the border with Battery D, First Illinois Artillery.

Dr. A. W. Cooke (Chicago), of Tokio, Japan, was at a recent Brevoort luncheon and gave us an interesting talk about his travels and his work. He is an instructor in the Central Theological College, an institution supported by the Anglican and Protestant Episcopal Mission, and is here for the summer, expecting to return to Tokio the 1st of September.



PITTSBURGH PERSONALS.

Frank MacKee and W. D. McBryar (Wittenberg) are attending the August Camp at Plattsburg.

George Taber (Pennsylvania) was at the July Camp.



BRIEF PERSONAL ITEMS.

Adrian: H. V. Michener is stores manager of the Western Electric Company at Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon.

Charleston: Just previous to the mustering of the militia in June, there was reorganized in Charleston a cavalry troop whose personnel contains quite a number of alumni. A. J. Stoney is quartermaster sergeant of the troop; Simon Hyde and Augustine Stoney are corporals under whom C. Cheves, C. Barnwell, Tris

Hyde, A. C. Heyward and others are mere privates. C. C. Pinckney is the prize bugler of the troop. In the Hospital Corps Dr. Allen Jervey was recently advanced to the rank of major. Caspar Chisolm and R. W. Kirkland were recently in Charleston for a short time, the former on his way to the West, where he is to spend the summer, the latter on a brief trip from Atlanta, Georgia, where he is engaged in business. Albert Simons has returned from Clemson College, where he has been professor of architecture during the past year. Benny Simons has also been in Charleston on furlough from his battleship. William Henry Parker, Jr., has returned from the University of Pennsylvania, where he has held down the position of assistant professor of architecture during the past session.

Chicago: William Lambertson, of the Kansas Legislature, and G. G. Schmitt, a successful attorney of Portland, Oregon, were in Chicago for convention week and incidentally paid the chapter a nice visit. Hilton, who recently graduated, is with the Chicago office of the Goodrich Rubber Company. Roy Burt, another 1916 graduate, is geologist for the Roxana Oil Company near Tulsa, Oklahoma. H. R. Bennett is spending the summer with the United States Geological Survey in Glacier National Park, Montana. Jordan and Thomas, recent graduates, are with the Travers-Wicke Chautauqua for the summer.

Colorado: Ira C. Rothgerber is the Democratic candidate for re-election as judge of the county court, City and County of Denver. As he has proven to be an efficient and equitable jurist, he, in all probability, will be elected. Harry E. Whitehead is foreman of the refining department at the United States Mint. Horace B. Holmes is the owner of one of the best Tungsten producing mines at Nederland, Colorado. Since the first of the year he has realized a small fortune from the same. Richard H. Hanna is one of our most illustrious alumni, being one of the judges of the Supreme Court of New Mexico. John D. Shingle is one of the most prominent physicians of Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he has a large practice. Mart Christenson is a merchant at Baggs, Wyoming. Hugo O. Wangelin is with the Sierras Power Company at Bishop, California. Fuzz Hudston has recently been elected treasurer of the A. T. O. Building Company. Ned Steele, who has held this

position for a number of years, is so busy with his insurance business that he desired to be relieved and we believe that the association is fortunate in getting so efficient a man as Fuzz to handle the finances. Frank D. Walsh spent several weeks at Boulder last fall and while visiting the chapter composed an A. T. O. song which made a hit with the fellows. Upon leaving he presented a very beautiful picture to the chapter, which was placed in the living room. Jack Holmes is located at Boulder, Colorado, where he is associated with Horace B. Holmes in Tungsten mining. John C. Eberle is an electrician with the C. Eberle and Sons Company, at Cincinnati, Ohio. H. B. Boak is in the automobile supply business at Denver, Colorado. Russell D. Drinkwater is a member of the firm of Varney & Drinkwater, attorneys, at Nederland, Colorado. Ralph K. Kelley is located at Honolulu.

Cornell: H. T. Munn has taken a position with Chester & Fleming, Union Bank Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A. N. Slocum is with the Johns-Manville Company at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Emory: Paul Easterling Bryan is professor of law in the new Lamar School of Law, Emory University. J. Merrill Monfort will return to Johns Hopkins to continue his medical course. We note that two of our former Worthy Masters, Spessard Holland and Joel Mallet, were Worthy Masters this past year at Florida and Georgia, respectively, and are now full-fledged lawyers. David Seckinger is still superintendent of schools at Millen, Georgia, and also a professor in the University of Georgia Summer School. Willard W. Irvine and Walter R. Branham are doing service in the National Guard. J. Donald Banks is working with his father at their hosiery mill at Grantville, Georgia. E. Allen Burkhalter is contemplating studying medicine. Richard J. Broyles is on the staff of the *Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia. J. Orson Smith is doing the true scientific farming on his plantation at Bingen, Georgia.

Florida: J. L. Hearin expects to take charge of the branch office of Swift and Company, at Valdosta, Georgia. E. F. Housholder was nominated county judge at Osceola County in the last

Democratic Primary. S. L. Holland has opened a law office in Bartow, Florida. Joe Sears received the Democratic nomination for U. S. Congressman at the June Primary. Frank Clark, Jr., was nominated as State Representative from Alachua County and A. P. (Sam) Buie will probably assume the high and honorable title of justice of the peace on January 1st. W. J. Barker entered the law profession in Jacksonville, Florida, while W. J. Glasgow has hung out his shingle in Apalachicola, Florida. H. K. Olliphant is going to open a law partnership with his father at Bartow, Florida. R. K. VanCamp has accepted a responsible position with the county engineer in DeSota County.

Gettysburg: W. S. McCollough is principal of the Beaver High School at Beaver, Pennsylvania. Paul F. Bloomhart is located at Lutherville, Maryland.

Indiana: C. S. Miller has charge of the battery works of Canada for the Prest-O-Lite Company.

Missouri: C. H. Taylor is located at Kansas City, Missouri, his address being 1012 Baltimore Avenue.

Mount Union: W. A. Bradshaw is practicing medicine with J. A. Lichty at 4634 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. F. F. France and C. P. Geddes are both located at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, their addresses being 236 Meyran Avenue and 505 South Highland Avenue, respectively. Earl Vandergrift is attending the Pittsburgh Medical School and may be addressed at the Nu Sigma Nu House.

North Carolina: W. H. S. Burgwin, of Jackson, North Carolina, a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, has been nominated by the Democrats of his district for the State Senate. W. N. Everett, superintendent of public instruction of Richmond County, has also been nominated for the State Senate. Lindsay C. Warren, of Washington, D. C., is another Democratic nominee for the Senate. Edgar W. Turlington, Rhodes scholar and winner at commencement, 1916, University of North Carolina, of the Early English Text Society prize, will next year become an instructor in English at that institution. Last year he instructed in Latin. Joseph S. Huske, who left North Carolina last year, received the degree of B. A. at Columbia University this spring. Duncan MacRae received the degree of

Ph. D., 1916, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His major subject was physical or theoretical chemistry. James W. Morris, Jr., announces the formation of a partnership with George P. Raney for the general practice of law under the firm name of Raney & Morris, Tampa, Florida.

Ohio State: Charles Dewey is now with the Soil Improvement Committee at 916 Postal Telegraph Building, Chicago. Harry Lynch may be addressed at Mogollon, New Mexico. Melvin Ryder has been transferred to the Baltimore office of the Soil Improvement Committee.

Oregon: Karl W. Onthank has recently resigned the principalship of the Tillamook Schools to become secretary to President Campbell of the University of Oregon. Leland Stiewer is now manager of all the Stiewer & Carpenter banking interests in Eastern Oregon. William Parbury Stevens has recently purchased a controlling interest in one of the big lumber mills on the lower Columbia River, Oregon. Benjamin Grout has been spending the summer in the government service in Alaska. "Deke" White, who recently returned from two years' service in the government schools in the Philippines, is now head of the department of Romance Languages at Jefferson High School, Portland, Oregon. W. A. Cass has just been elected to the principalship of the Odell Schools in Hood River County, Oregon. Roger Moe, besides editing the local paper at Mosier, Oregon, is town marshal and a member of the town council. Chester Huggins has been appointed athletic coach and instructor in the Klamath Falls High School for the next year. Vernon Motschenbacher, for the past two years principal of the Klamath Falls High School, has accepted a position as principal of the Junior High School at Medford, Oregon.

Pennsylvania. T. A. McDonald has accepted a position as assistant manager of the Standard Oil Company of New York with headquarters at Bombay, India.

St. Lawrence: S. Thornton Williams has been elected to Sigma Xi, an honorary engineering fraternity, at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he graduated this year. He now holds a position with the *Motor World*. J. C. Dolan was elected president of the St. Lawrence University Alumni Association at its meeting this commencement.

Sewanee: Edward Martin is a non-commissioned officer in an infantry company from Charleston, South Carolina. Reverend Bull has recently gone to Charleston, South Carolina, as assistant rector of St. Luke's Church.

Tufts: C. C. Soper is an instructor in the Wentworth Institute, Boston, Massachusetts. Carl P. Hubbard is at present superintendent of construction for the Aberthaw Construction Company with offices at 8 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Theodore W. Hodges, the very successful traveling salesman for the Kimball Oil Company, has purchased a Buick runabout to aid him in covering more territory. Vannevar Bush, after receiving his master's degree in one year at Tech, has been elected to take charge of the physics department at Tufts Medical School in the fall. Windom A. Allen, a member of the faculty at Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Massachusetts, is carrying out some important soil analysis tests at the experimental station of the college.

Vermont: R. R. Bogie has a position with the Consolidated Gas Company, New York City. Lindol French is working for the New York Telephone Company in the same city. G. L. Bean is with the International Tin Can Company, Hartford, Connecticut. W. H. Scott is with the Wadham Ice Cream Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Allen Dix is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with the Amalgamated Electric Company. J. R. Norton has returned from China and will do graduate work at Columbia. Clarence Carlton will return to college in the fall.

Washington and Jefferson: S. A. Eckels is located at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and can be addressed at 1319 Alton Street. P. C. Kern is with the Republic Chemical Company, 1028 McIntire Avenue, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. H. B. Richardson is completing his course at the Pittsburgh Law School, his home address being 758 Fourth Street, Beaver. S. A. McFarland is in the legal department of the J. and L. Steel Company with offices at 309 J. & L. Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. F. T. Aschman is with the Gulf Refining Company, Morris Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Wooster: J. B. Weir is attending the Western Theological Seminary, 828 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Gideon Hatfield is located in Arizona.

The Associations

CHICAGO.

Since the last letter to the PALM, the Chicago Alumni Association has continued to hold its weekly luncheons at the Hotel Brevoort on Thursdays at 12.30. The average attendance is about eleven. Alpha Taus temporarily in the city are always welcome.

In January the alumni association and the Gamma Xi chapter held a joint banquet which was unusually interesting and enjoyable. About sixty were present.

At the inter-fraternity banquet held at the Blackstone on Monday evening, March 13th, there were present eleven Alpha Taus; being the largest representation of any fraternity. This is the second year in succession that A. T. O. has lead all others in the number of men attending.

The annual meeting and election of officers was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel March 25th. The following officers were elected: President, E. M. Kerwin, 3930 Pine Grove Avenue (Phone, Irving 721); vice president, F. H. Pond, 2016 Fisher Building (Phone, Harrison 1512); secretary and treasurer, H. H. Wellman, 108 South La Salle Street (Phone, Franklin 1038).

All Alpha Taus in Chicago who do not receive notices of meetings are requested to phone their address to any one of the officers.

H. H. WELLMAN.

COLORADO.

Since the last letter to the PALM the Denver Alumni Association has been abiding the summer heat and staying close at home. In other words, we have very little news to tell, but hope to become live ones ere the next snowstorm. In anticipation of another picnic up Look-Out Mountain (the famous scenic spot just out of Denver) Saturday, August 19th, we hope to see as many of the alumni and their wives and sweet-hearts as are in town enjoying the usual pleasures of an A. T. O. summer function. Art Wilson is the stimulator of these stunts and generally has to dig down in his pocket to square up deficiencies later.

A number of the alumni boys have joined the National Guard now in camp at Golden and occasionally get into Denver to show us a real soldier. Hagen, of University of Colorado fame, is one of the most noted "sojers."

The alumni association desires to mention the fact that the stimulus given to the fraternity house problem at Boulder in paying off the indebtedness on the lots is in keeping with all enterprises which the A. T. O. spirit dominates. Pledges of varying amounts have been made and the books begin to look like the real stuff.

R. HUDSTON.

LOUISVILLE.

Since the last regular meeting of the association on May 22d, the association has been rather inactive. On September 15th the first regular meeting will be held, at which is expected a good attendance, and the usual good spirit which crowns our meetings. At that time arrangements will be made concerning the Louisville representation and delegation to the Congress at St. Louis. Being within a night's ride of Louisville, it is expected that a goodly number will be on hand.

Active work has been carried on during the summer by the members remaining in the city, in an effort to learn of all men going to universities this fall, so that notice concerning any individual can be forwarded to the respective chapters.

NEW YORK.

The affairs of the New York Alumni Association have been rather quiet during the summer. A great many of the members have been away from the city and it has been impossible to stir things up to any extent. However, the weekly Saturday luncheons are to be resumed at the Hotel Woodstock about October 1st, and judging by the enthusiasm displayed last spring our expectations for the coming season will be more than realized.

If brothers visiting the city will take our word for what good times are to be had at these luncheons they will surely avail themselves of the opportunity to "chum" a little with the local crowd.

Plans are now being made for a smoker to be held some time in October which is to outshine any previously held, and which is to "start" things for the coming year.

The Alpha Tau Omega alumni in New York mean business, and are doing things nowadays.

We wish to repeat the request in former letters to the PALM, that every brother locating in New York, or vicinity, send his name and address to the secretary for enrollment with the alumni association so that we may keep him in touch with all activities.

M. M. DRAKE.

OMAHA.

The summer has been one of the finest from the standpoint of fellowship and good times which the Omaha Alumni Association has enjoyed.

The A. T. O. house at Carter Lake has furnished a gathering place for many a Saturday afternoon and evening's entertainment. The annual alumni smoker was pulled off with eclat with about fifteen brothers present.

Shortly following this Parks invited a number of the brothers and their lady friends to spend an evening at his home in Council Bluffs where they were royally entertained. The brothers find this form of gathering so pleasant and productive of closer fellowship that McConnell and Kennedy have conspired together with the idea of having another similar foregathering of the clan at Kennedy's residence on August 30th.

August 28th the association held its annual dinner-dance at the Happy Hollow Club. Kennedy showed an unsuspected artistic streak in his make-up when he arranged for tasteful decorations in sunburst roses, asters and cornflowers, representing the fraternity colors. The evening was one of the most successful of the association's events. There were about thirty-five present.

The A. T. O. cottage at the Lake has been running full blast day and night, furnishing rest, recreation and entertainment for itinerant and resident brothers. Tip Olive presides at the piano when he isn't superintending the swimming expeditions. It is rumored Tip is training for an exhibition swim of the English Channel. He has to divide aquatic honors, however, with Charlie Blacklock, who is reputed to have rescued a boy from drowning. The description of this rescue, as told by a hitherto unknown but enthusiastic admirer, is very interesting. Charlie says, "It was nothing. Any one would have done the same thing in similar circumstances. I have nothing further to say."

Si Harris has just returned from a canoeing vacation in Montana. Si says he sympathizes with Doctor Cook of polar fame. Si and his companion started out to climb the highest peak in the State and make a valuable contribution to scientific exploration, but when they reached the top of this peak it wasn't it. He intends to try again, next year.

Bing Harris, later edition of the same family, has been working on the local yellow sheet; lives at the Lake in odd moments, but intends to return to Simpson this fall.

Burd Sells also lives at the cottage, when he is in town; he sells boiler insurance and is a bird at the business.

Charlie Parks is not only a good fellow, but also a good flute player. With Tip at the ivories, Parks on the flute, Leverit sawing the cello, and Earl McConnell fiddling the fiddle, then to be sure they do discourse sweet harmonies, as the brothers who enjoyed the evening at Parks' home in Council Bluffs the other night will testify heartily. Bill Hunt and Mrs. McConnell furnished special numbers of that fine evening's entertainment; Rufus was always on the job with his usual versatility. Kennedy, Trimble and Burd Sells, being unable to furnish entertainment of any sort, spent the latter part of the evening in the kitchen with the refreshments. It was a grand evening.

Al Kennedy says he aspires to the presidency of the Omaha Association, this being in his mind a slick way of escaping the responsibilities of the secretaryship which he was held for four years. The "Ring" has decided to gratify his ambitions. It is also planned to consolidate the offices of president and secretary—in the event Kennedy is elected president!

John C. Pryor, of Council Bluffs, is Pottawattami County's favorite son for State Senate. A fine fellow, a good A. T. O., and we expect to see him land the job.

The Gamma Theta "Summer Publication" edited by Lyman Thomas, broke loose among the alumni brothers early in the month and created quite a furor of reminiscent interest. It is a very credible piece of work, turned out, as it is, by one of the charter members of the Hookworm Club.

CHANDLER TRIMBLY.

PITTSBURGH.

The only event of importance during the winter was the annual banquet held on February 25th, at which we were entertained by Daniel Krause, ex-member of the American Legation at Tokio, Japan, who gave an illustrated lecture, entitled "Intimate Views of Japan." Fifty brothers were present, including a number of the active chapter from Alpha Pi, and all were unanimous in declaring it an enjoyable evening.

H. D. KNEELAND.

PORTLAND.

There is very little to report from this city as having happened during the past few months. The association held its last meeting for the year in May, at which time it was decided upon to discontinue the monthly gathering, as a number of the active brothers would be away, and vacations would take others. The last banquet was attended by the largest gathering of alumni that have turned out for these informal meetings, which was most appropriate and helped to close one of the most successful years of this association. The spirit of Alpha Tau Omega is being revived in the hearts of many of the brothers, and gradually they are turning out each month. There are some, however, that no persuasion or promise of a good evening can seduce; and we may only say that they are the losers.

We are already planning for the usual fall gathering, to include the active brothers and pledges of the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College, together with all the alumni that can be assembled for that occasion. Last year we had assembled the greatest number of A. T. O.'s that ever came together at one time in the Northwest, and this year promises even better.

R. R. RUDOLPH.

ST. LOUIS.

The predominating matter of interest for the St. Louis Association is the twenty-fifth Congress of the Fraternity, which we are looking forward to entertaining in St. Louis next December. In fact, preparations have so far proceeded, that we have felt justified in discontinuing actual labors in that direction during the summer months, and thereby have made opportunity for activities less arduous and more diverting.

The most recent of these took the form of an afternoon automobile jaunt, with dinner at a unique roadhouse as the ostensible objective. Some dozen or more fraters with their ladies went along, and in spite of a few blow-outs, a high thermometer, the absence of J. M. Fuller (Beta Nu), who said he couldn't come because Mrs. Fuller was out of town, the presence of C. O. Neilson (Beta Eta), who said he could come because Mrs. Neilson was out of town, and a few other details equally as disturbing to peace and tranquility, every one who went wants to "do it again."

The organization for handling the Congress has been perfected, and a number of the committees have accomplished much of the preliminary work. Besides, there actually is a very neat and compact sum of money on hand, sufficient, we believe, to take care of the preliminary expenses.

While the St. Louis Association is very small in membership, we don't want it taken as a model for the size of the Congress. Accordingly we are endeavoring to take advantage of such advertising possibilities as the occasion affords, and by personal letters to nearby members of the Fraternity, original posters for the chapters and other associations, and effective utilization of PALM space, to induce an attendance which will set a mark for future Congresses to shoot at.

Thanks to the very wise provision made by recent ordinance of the High Council for collection of a registration fee at this and all future Congresses, the financial question ceases to be the controlling consideration in the selection of the places for future meetings. Accordingly we are expecting—and hoping—that there will be much and spirited bidding for the next event when the time comes for the selection of the place, and that this rivalry will boost the attendance, enthusiasm and effectiveness of the twenty-fifth.

Those more closely in touch with the immediate affairs of the Fraternity say that the Congress will be a busy one, that the program must be arranged primarily for getting work done, and that the lure of pleasure must not be dangled before the eyes of the earnest delegate. Well, we intend to do that, too, but not only that; for the entertainment committee, with Clark Nixon (who comes from Beta Epsilon, and every one knows what New Orleans means) at its head, and Hal Armsby (Gamma Mu) and Harry Hope (Beta Omega) in support, is hatching a full setting of real diversions of a sort that will put the "gait" in "delegate."

C. S. BUTLER. 1

The Undergraduates

THE INITIATES.

(From February 16, 1916, to September 1, 1916.)

The Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer reports the following initiates:

PROVINCE I—*Florida*: Thompson H. Getzen, William J. Glasgow, Horace K. Olliphant, Jr.; *Georgia*: Harmon C. Rorison; *Mercer*: Daniel D. Dunwody, Robert L. Cochran.

PROVINCE II—*Illinois*: Elwin L. Simmons, Carlos E. Lyon, Glen W. Trede, Hugh W. Cross, Harry H. Toothaker, Howard I. McBride, James C. King, Daniel V. Snyder, James W. Lamont, Jr., William C. Healy, John C. Pierick, Jr., Harry O. Bartlett; *Chicago*: Ellis T. Kipp, James W. Parker; *Indiana*: Cecil E. Harlos, Harley N. Edington, Arthur A. Mogge, Julius R. Luethe, Parvin M. Davis, Carl R. Bottenfield, Malcolm Campbell, Frank E. Raschig, John S. Taylor, George E. Gill, Calvin R. Hamilton, Arthur R. Metz, Percy V. Ruch, William T. Morgan, William A. Porter, Homer E. Tate, Karl M. Koons, Charles R. Metzger, Everitt L. Goar, Ola F. Nixon, Alva N. Taylor, Louis T. Adams; *Rose*: Alexander P. King, Warren M. Hussey, John K. Piety, D. P. Cromwell, Arthur L. Ervin, Chauncey S. McKee, William R. McKeen, 3d, Richard A. Leathers, Richard P. Gillan; *Purdue*: Duncan Penn, Wayne A. Lowry, John H. Clark, Harold T. J. Adler, Ivan M. McFadden, Donald L. Brown, William R. Moore; *Adrian*: Loyal E. Culkins, Charles M. Smith, Chester A. Baker; *Hillsdale*: Cecil E. Harris, Watson Beach, D. Avon Adams, Spencer E. Blackman, Charles W. Price, Ernest W. Rogers, Kyle C. Lomason, Robert B. Sawyer, Floyd Mattice; *Michigan*: Edwin H. Lyon, DeForest W. Buckmaster, Robert A. Kimberly, George W. Lovell, Gerald A. Herrick, W. Howard Eggers, Frederick T. Schutt, Walter T. Hotchkiss; *Albion*: Sherman W. Putnam, Charles Magalay, John H. McKiddie, Harold I. Swartz, Harold T. Browning, Henry E. Skeels, Edwin F. Chittenden.

PROVINCE III.—*Colorado*: George L. Killian, Charles Kretchner, Henry A. Page; *Simpson*: Frank R. Beebe; *Iowa*: Claude W. McClurg, Harry L. Ashway, Lester R. Sandahl, Harold C. Walker, Harold E. Stoner, L. A. Lorence, Merrill A. Olson, Theodore A. Wanerns, George

E. Grier, Frank R. Menagh; *Iowa State*: Irving E. Mehls, Leonard J. Wallis, Alan G. Nichols, Fulton B. Flick, James M. Linnen; *Kansas*: Charles G. Randall, Walter Weissenborn, Joseph B. Cross, R. B. Church, Kenneth F. Keck, Harry M. Rinker; *Minnesota*: Robert B. Webb, Milton M. Latta, William Mellenthin, Robert A. Cole, John A. Grande; *Missouri*: George L. Krause, George W. Bryant, Conrad P. Armbrecht, Charles M. Culver, Conrad Kinyoun, Oliver R. Taylor, Laudon C. Watling, John C. Farmer; *Nebraska*: David T. Ford, Eugene F. Moore, Edward T. Bush, Richard S. Sherman, Walter O. Johnson, Martin L. Johnson, Robert C. Brown, Chester D. Barnes, Jr., Benjamin F. Pitman, Jr., Elmer B. Campbell, Gilbert V. Kennedy; *Wyoming*: Beverly C. Daly, Samuel O. Ross.

PROVINCE IV—*Maine*: Warren P. Upham, Samuel E. Jones; *Colby*: William W. Chute; *M. I. T.*: George E. Russell; *Brown*: Clarence R. Adams, Stanley W. Burlingame, Clyde L. Driscoll, Herman L. Emidy, Francis J. King, William A. King, Charles H. Peckham, Henry T. Samson; *Vermont*: George C. Stanley.

PROVINCE V—*St. Lawrence*: Herbert A. Collins; *Cornell*: William A. Andrews, Herman C. Kohn, Vernon H. Schnee, Alonzo M. Seymour, Walter S. Sands, Edgar D. Upstill, Curtis B. Bennett, Robert D. Bowles, Clyde Christie; *Muhlenberg*: Henry Heuer, Jr., Roger W. Hartman; *Washington and Jefferson*: Joseph W. Cobb, Robert E. Bixler, John J. Tressel, Paul J. Lally, Edwin G. Schwoppe; *Lehigh*: Peter A. Ferings; *Penn State*: Franklin R. Amthor; *Pennsylvania*: Andrew K. Shivery, Carl G. Lehmann, Walter S. Peterson, Ashley B. Paul, Dalton B. Fallon, Gordon N. Gunnison, Charles F. Pyke, Albert M. Pyke, Frederick F. Renninger, Charles F. Kindt, Jr., George W. Jacobs, Roger C. Allen, Milton A. Tilbrook, Milo D. Watkins, H. M. Crawford, Donald C. Prescott, Henry A. Bourne, Jr.

PROVINCE VI—*Trinity*: Thomas A. Stokes.

PROVINCE VII—*Mount Union*: Lawrence P. Pennell, Edmund D. Burriss, Fred E. Coleman, Alvah L. MacBain, James R. Hobson, Ronald Robertson, William M. Stanley, John M. Lichty, Adelbert M. Wall, Harley A. Coombs, Ralph E. Weaver, Clyde V. Zahner, Ralph K. Ramsayer, William L. MacIntosh, Roscoe P. Allott, Eugene A. White; *Wittenberg*: Edward W. Baxter; *Wesleyan*: Frank R. Uible, Alfred P. Hulse, Harry J. Myers, Paul V. Brown, Charles H. Allen, Henry A. McCown, James G. Rieck; *Ohio State*: Frank G. Mercer; *Reserve*: George W. Trout, Howard R. Waugh, John H. Clippinger, Norman L. Ward.

PROVINCE VIII—*Kentucky*: Frank M. Heick, Richard L. Duncan, Louis F. Bessey, Edward D. Moseley, Raymond A. Rives, James S. Whalleg, Ernest N. McIlvain, Lawrence S. Longworth, Robert Y. Ireland, Russell E. Travis; *Southwestern Presbyterian*: Shirley Banks, Benjamin N. Shaw; *Vanderbilt*: Harry S. Scott; *Union*: Felix H.

Phillips, H. Garrette Arnold, James W. McGavock, Percy A. Conyers; *Sewanee*: Alexander C. Garland; *Tennessee*: Thomas F. Hassell, Edgar E. Patterson, Edwin R. Rodgers, Hugh M. Richardson, William A. Shoolbred, Casper G. Isaacs, R. C. Martin.

PROVINCE IX—*California*: Joseph T. Deane, Frederick G. Maggs; *Oregon Agricultural*: Harry Floydstead, Harrison M. Roberts, John Fulton, Briton W. Sears, Fred H. Hulbert, Floyd S. Metzger, Benjamin F. Rush, George M. Houliston, Clarence J. Budelier, Frederick A. Motz; *Oregon*: Harold A. Sexton, Charles H. Croner, Raymond H. Burns, Will Bernard Blackaby, Florin S. Adam, Joe Skelton, Ralph E. Hurn, John N. Hamlin, Harry C. Messner, Thomas B. Williams; *Washington*: Clarence W. George, Henry W. Kingsbury, Joseph F. Reilly.

PROVINCE X—*Alabama*: N. C. Stone.



THE CHAPTER LETTERS.

PROVINCE I.

FLORIDA.

Florida Alpha Omega has just completed a successful year. We graduated five men in June; namely, S. L. Holland, Barker, Glasgow, Olliphant and Van Camp.

F. L. Holland and Chillingworth were elected to responsible positions on the *Alligator* staff and also on the athletic association. F. L. Holland was recently elected president of the junior academic class. This makes a total of five out of eight class presidents who are Alpha Taus. Getzen and S. L. Holland played the whole season on the varsity baseball team, both making their "F."

Many brothers came back this year to commencement. We were mighty glad to see them and hope more may come next year. The chapter entertained about ten visiting ladies, and the junior prom and Theta and inter-fraternity dances were among the best that have been held in our university.

We hope by the time college opens in the fall to be housed in our new chapter house. We incorporated early in the spring and have had our lot completely paid for for some months. Right after commencement the chapter sent two men to travel the state selling bonds so as to erect our home. Each man in the chapter has pledged himself for a certain amount and our dream will be realized if our alumni back us as we expect. The chapter is working hard on this proposition and unless something unexpected happens we will be able to entertain our alumni and new brothers in the new house by next September or October.

Since the last letter we have had the pleasure of visits from Peebles, Mershon, Tranthan, Getzen, Byrd, Kine, Edwards, Gibbs and Coe.

JACK WATSON.

GEORGIA.

The year that closed last spring has been one that will mark an epoch in the lives of the Alpha Beta freshmen, fraternally speaking, and one that will be filled with pleasant memories of companionship and congeniality in the minds of her upper classmen. It has been one that has brought us closer to our brothers in a bond of fellowship that has taught us to know each other by intimate attachments, rather than by personal features. It has been a great year for us all, and we are justly proud of it.

But to give evidence of what we have accomplished during the past year, it might be well to make a brief summary. Our interests have been wide, and we have been represented in almost every detail of college activity. We lost four men by graduation, Henderson, Crandall, Mallet and Callaway, Callaway being an honor man. These men go with the good wishes and praise of the entire chapter, for they have meant much to us during the past year, and their places will be hard to fill. We were well represented in the honorary clubs of the college, having men in the Junior Cabinet, the Senior Round Table, the XV Club, the Sphinx and the Gridiron. In athletics, our mainstay was Henderson, who completed his career with four years of both baseball and football, winning eight letters, and being captain of both teams. He was a unanimous choice for all-Southern, and was mentioned for all-American. Bussey made one of the best track men in school, and was elected captain of the freshman team.

Debating is a distinct feature of our university, and in that we were somewhat extensively represented, there being men of our chapter on the impromptu, the freshman, the champion (between the two literary societies of the school) and the intercollegiate, together with a junior orator to our credit. Not only were we engaged among competitive and honorary activities, but we also took part in the political affairs of the college. Our chapter gave to the school the editor-in-chief of the *Pandora* (our college annual), the business manager of the *Pandora*, the social editor and the athletic editor of the college weekly, president of the athletic association, assistant manager of the baseball team, together with several class officers.

R. E. L. SPENCE, JR.

EMORY.

In the new-birth of Emory, we have not an indirect, but a direct new-birth of Alpha Theta. The institution which has harbored us so well for these thirty-five years is now quite more than a \$3,000,000 university, with the movement only two years old. Hence a greater Emory means a greater Alpha Theta.

Commencement was one long five-day flow of fun. Each evening we entertained informally after the exercises, and on Monday evening we pulled

off one of those formal Alpha Tau receptions that are few and far between. The fair ones were those Southern queens and beauties, unsurpassed. Graduation day took away from us our four seniors: B. Donald Banks, E. Allen Burkhalter, Richard J. Broyles and John Orson Smith. They go from us with many achievements for themselves and the chapter, imbued with the A. T. O. spirit, knowing what the word "am" means and what the word "was" does not mean.

When the baseball "E" men were picked we got our share, B. Donald Banks, C. Pierce Harris and John J. Ingram, Jr., representing us. Fount R. Lane was the best twirler in school, but having tough luck with a broken ankle early in the season was out of it, of course. He is about again and ready for football. Presley W. Christian, whose second name is football, is going to round out the fourth year as an "E" man. He is the best. Louie L. Padgett and C. Pierce Harris are two of the three debaters from one society in the coming fall term debate. In the open-air celebration on Mother's Day to Mother Emory, Richard J. Broyles and J. Eason Cross spoke.

J. EASON CROSS.

MERCER.

Though scattered in various directions, the members of Alpha Zeta have kept in touch with each other and look forward to the opening of college as the means of bringing all together again. The vacation has been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Despite the fact that we lose some very valuable men, prospects seem good for valuable additions to the chapter. We will return about twelve men.

Ross Grant is practicing law in Macon and Hinton Arnold is at the border with the militia. W. S. Florence will attend Johns Hopkins.

FLEMING G. VINSON.

PROVINCE II.

ILLINOIS.

Last June Gamma Zeta graduated two of the best men ever in the chapter, Harold Pogue and Roger Bronson. We all extend hearty wishes for their success in life. Besides these two only one other has left us, Roger Hill. On the 10th of last June, Roger and Miss Hortens Gettys, of Chicago, were married. Bob Thomas and Hank Henry have also been married recently.

With but three men leaving school we will have a strong twenty-six back, headed with our old standby, Cap Squier, to begin things with. We will need to pledge only a few men; but in order to keep up to our

high standard they must be the best. We will appreciate any one putting us in touch with men of good caliber coming to Illinois next year.

In activities we will be well represented. Russell White is business manager of the *Illio* for next year. Scott McNulta is cheer leader. Lyon and Snyder, last year freshman varsity men, will probably make the varsity football squad. Jack Powers will be manager of inter-class athletics and Carleton Healy is sporting editor of the *Daily Illini*.

Our chapter coming back strong, not only in numbers, but in quality of men, a very successful year is expected. McDONALD LOVELL.

CHICAGO.

Illinois Gamma Xi ended the most successful year of her history by winning the inter-fraternity baseball championship of the University of Chicago. It was a close and hard-fought contest between the eighteen fraternities, and after the semi-finals Alpha Tau and Beta Theta Pi alone qualified for the finals. The Betas put up a plucky fight, but with our freshman "phenom," Curtiss, pitching superb ball and his teammates displaying so much ability with the stick that they drove the Beta pitcher from the mound in the fifth inning, we were able to win the game by the score of 9 to 2. A large silver cup is the prize awarded.

The annual inter-fraternity "sing" was held on the night of June 2d. For this occasion each fraternity assembles as many of its alumni as it can on the campus, where, at a scheduled time and at a traditional spot, before a large crowd of university alumni and friends, the fraternity sings three or four of its songs. Some of the fraternities made wonderful showings and Alpha Tau was far from being the least, for there were over sixty Alpha Taus present. The "sing" is one of the traditions of the university and many people regard it as being about the best stunt of the whole school year.

The chapter very much regrets the loss of six brothers through graduation. The brothers are Burt, Cope, Haupt and Hilton from the undergraduate colleges, and Jordan and Thomas from the law school. Burt was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, being one of four fraternity men in the university to receive that high honor.

Elections to the various societies have placed Alpha Taus as follows: Heilman, Hibbard, Uhlhorn and Cope were initiated into Blackfriars, honorary dramatic club, to which Windrow and Hilton already belonged; Hubenthal, Heilman, Haupt and Windrow have become members of Tiger's Head, honorary musical society; Uhlhorn has been initiated into Score Club, honorary sophomore society.

Other honors also have come to Alpha Taus. Blazer, who was business manager of the annual, the *Cap and Gown*, figured prominently in another important position as general chairman of the staff interscho-

lastic track and field meet and was largely responsible for making that important day the best ever. Windrow, the new Worthy Master of the chapter, in addition to making the all-conference water basketball team, made a wonderful success along other lines by playing the comedy lead in the annual Blackfriar show, "A Rhenish Romance." Windrow as literary editor of the *Cap and Gown* had much to do with making that volume a fine success. Heilman succeeds Blazer as business manager of the *Cap and Gown* and Heilman is also manager of the university orchestra. Curtiss easily made his numerals in freshman varsity baseball and is playing on Pat Page's summer ball team.

Prospects are bright for a strong bunch back to start the school year.

DORMAN BENNITT.

INDIANA.

With twenty-three old men expected back at least a week before the opening of the university and prospects bright for our share of good freshmen, Indiana Delta Alpha will start the new year with every indication favorable for an unprecedented participation in university activities. The number of old men back, coupled with the interest in rush week which has been aroused among the alumni over the state, insures greater university honors for the coming semester.

The membership committee under the chairmanship of W. E. Sullivan has been especially active during the summer months as well as the latter part of last spring semester. The rushee dance toward the close of school last year netted us two pledges besides first dates with a number of other good men. At commencement time seven men had pledged themselves to Alpha Tau Omega for the opening of school this fall. The good work continued this summer. An announcement of the plans for rush week and an urgent appeal for co-operation in membership work was sent to the alumni with the expectation of interesting the old men in material for the fraternity and getting them back for the opening of school.

The President's call for the militia took four men from the ranks of Delta Alpha, and news from Llano Grande, where the university company is stationed, is of particular interest to the members of the local chapter and of general interest to the whole Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, for it was at this encampment that the A. T. O.'s started the movement for fraternity meetings in the army. The four Indiana men who were present at the first meeting were: Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Homer E. Tate, Quartermaster Sergeant E. Earl Moore, Quartermaster Sergeant Hugh W. Norman (pledged) and private C. R. Bottenfield. Fifteen A. T. O.'s from the Indiana, Nebraska and Minnesota regiments attended the first session. Delta Alpha is decidedly proud of her soldier boys and if they are discharged in time for school this fall, as every one hopes, the whole chapter will undoubtedly lend their ears eternally to their tales of the Mexican border as a mark of appreciation for the good work which they have done in serving their country and fraternity.

Among other activities at the close of school last year three Delta Alpha men were in the Indiana delegation which attended the Y. M. C. A. conference at Lake Geneva. They were Malcolm Campbell (president of the university Y. M. C. A.), William N. Strack and Charles F. Thompson. Strack won for himself another important school honor in the prize for the best student in the sophomore Law Mood Court class. Strack will receive his law degree next spring.

Delta Alpha lost but two men last year by graduation. Earl F. Fraizer has taken up a position as assistant cashier in a bank at Newcastle, Indiana. Charles J. Kirschman expects to continue his work on his M. D. at Indianapolis where the Indiana School of Medicine is located.

WALLACE H. MARTIN.

ROSE.

Gamma Gamma is looking forward to the coming school year with pleasant anticipation, having practically all of its men of last year.

With the loss of only two seniors and a gain of seven strong freshmen we feel as though we had gained a headway that will put us in the lead at Rose.

A special effort will be made to increase the number of house men this year which, we hope, will make it possible for us to locate in a more comfortable and attractive house than the one of last year.

A local club here, the M. E. P., has secured a charter from Beta Phi. This adds another Greek to our ranks, but no great change is expected.

Especially bright prospects are being looked forward to in the athletic fields with Hal Mefford directing. Rose will probably meet in athletics this year schools of far greater size, but expects to hand out some surprises and at least to hold up the name of "Fighting Engineers."

Rose regrets very much the loss of Prof. Malven A. Howe, who has retired from the profession. He was known throughout the country as an authority in civil engineering and is the author of many standard textbooks on the subject.

V. J. WHELAN.

PURDUE.

This year Gamma Omicron graduated the largest class of its history, nine men, all the kind that we are proud to say have been affiliated with this chapter. Losing such a large class by graduation, and several others for various reasons, the chapter is up against a hard proposition, but we are hoping for as prosperous a year as the one just completed.

Our annual prom house party was given the week-end of April 28th, but owing to such a small house, rooms were engaged at the Fowler Hotel for the girls. Although this was an inconvenient way of giving a house party, it was attended by most of the chapter.

The gala week festivities brought the school year to a close, and the house was turned over to the seniors and their parents.

The call for the Indiana National Guards found six of our members, Tieman, Haynes, Hodges, Brown, Becker and pledge Hatt, among its list. After arriving on the border, the Alpha Taus from Minnesota, Nebraska and the Indiana chapters organized under the name of the Llano Grande Association of Alpha Tau Omega. Most of these men will be mustered out September 1st, so that they may return to their studies.

W. K. Hatt, Jr., son of W. K. Hatt, New York Beta Theta, was pledged this spring with the intention of entering Purdue this fall.

N. D. TAYLOR.

ADRIAN.

During the summer vacation word has been received from a number of our men and each expresses a desire for the opening of school, so that he can help make the name Alpha Tau Omega a still more honored one on our campus. Our men will be comparatively small in number in the fall, but each man is an untiring worker, which means we will have the larger share of the very best men the coming year brings.

Some of our men at the close of school spent a few days at a cottage on Sand Lake. Soon afterward they followed the others into the field of labor where Alpha Mu's men are engaged as salesmen, ministers, farmers, automobile manufacturers, etc.

We entertained a few very promising men at the close of school who are to enter Adrian in the fall. We are in touch with a number of fine fellows whom we hope to make pledges. Everything points to considerable success in rushing.

Those who have been prominent in both school and fraternity have responsible positions. Victor Jenkins goes to Los Angeles, California, to teach; Lloyd Mohr, to Northern Michigan; Merrill Symonds, to Cuba, and Curtis Rorick, whether to California or to Florida we do not know, but we can note the scent of orange blossoms. CHARLES SMITH.

HILLSDALE.

Commencing its second year in the new house Beta Kappa enjoys the distinction of being the only fraternity to own and eat in its own house. Although we lost two men by graduation and five or six others who enter commercial lines, we will have about fifteen active men to begin the year. The inter-fraternity conference, including A. T. O., Delta Tau Delta, and Delta Sigma Phi, which established rushing rules and a delayed pledge day, proved a failure. So this year pledging will begin immediately after registration. Beta Kappa has fortified herself, however, by looking up good fraternity material during the summer—thus to a large extent eliminating the dangers of early pledging.

With Captain Tarbell back to lead the Hillsdale gridders prospects are very bright for a strong football team. Besides Tarb we will be represented on the squad by Chase, veteran center; Wallace, Beach, Lomason and Smith. Tarb also distinguished himself in track, smashing a couple of M. I. A. A. records and always sure of winning points for Hillsdale. On the diamond Foster and Wallace were the life of the infield, while Mattice broke into a few games at center field.

In the Glee Club and on the platform Beta Kappa is also assured of representation. Miller is captain of the varsity debating team and the best bet in the coming local oratorical contest, and Hammond will be back trying for his old place on the Triangular team. Beach is the sophomore class president and the chapter is well represented among the offices of the various campus organizations. Scholarship has not been neglected and Beach and Adams were honor students.

Late in May the chapter gave a five-day house party at Baw Beese Lake. On the afternoon of the fourth day the boys all brought out their lady friends and after a six o'clock dinner at the Perkins cottage, dancing continued till a late hour. The affair was a fitting end to the social activities of the chapter for the year.

Pink Oliver, ex-'14, Marcus Bostwick and Ned Williams, ex-'17, were guests at the house party. At commencement we received visits from Audley Calkins and Keith Reynolds, '15. STUART HAMMOND.

ALBION.

The fall term opens with eighteen of last year's chapter ready for business. We have pledged four men, all of whom seem promising.

During the summer the alumni organized a company of stockholders and purchased the Cozine residence on Erie Street, in which the chapter is now housed. The new chapter house is the largest in the college. A large roomy dormitory on the third floor provides ample sleeping quarters for the twenty-two men rooming here. The second floor has seven study rooms and two bathrooms. The first floor contains three living rooms, one of which is used as a lodge room, a dining room, kitchen and matron's quarters. The house is heated by hot air. A wide veranda circles the front and west side of the house. The residence is situated on a spacious lawn, sheltered by oak trees, near the Faculty Row, a block from the campus and half a block from the river. Our house rules were taken with but few changes from the PALM for September, 1915.

We have likely material for tennis, cross-country, basketball, debating and the Ukelele Club. The vice president, the secretary and one member of the executive committee of the Republican Club, the president of the "A" Club, the treasurer of the Prohibition Association and the editor of the college paper are all members of the chapter. We have three men in the Inter-Fraternity Forensic Society and one man in the Plead Council.

After an absence of a year, Hamill and Youngs have returned to college. Red Fettig has left school to manage his father's business in Saginaw. Goodfellow, who graduated last year, has been visiting us and is now attending the University of Michigan. Browning was elected to the Physics Club. Slout spent the summer in Chautauqua. He stopped for a few days en route to his home. This fall he will continue his work with the Coit Lyceum Bureau. Steel, of Washington and Jefferson, and Province Chief F. R. Bott were guests early in the year. The chapter now feels more in a position to extend hearty invitations to A. T. O. when within range of the chapter house.

H. G. WILSON.

WISCONSIN.

Gamma Tau graduated eleven of her twenty-eight men this spring. Those men who were graduated are Joseph Carson, Charles Conover, Albert DeBolt, Clifford Josephson, Raymond Lewis, John McKinney, Arthur Prussing, Glenn Ramsdell, Harry Rawson, George Ruder and James Woodson.

Our past school year was brought to a close by the annual alumni banquet. An unusually large number of the old men were present.

Gamma Tau's formal, held the last week in May, was her most successful social event. It was held in the new chapter house which was suitably decorated.

A. T. O.'s find that going to summer school at Wisconsin is as great a joy as going to a summer resort. A number of the old men have dropped in for a swim and a chat with the boys. Among those who have so honored us are "Jumbo" Stiehm, new athletic director at Indiana State University; Dr. Damon Brown, "Eppie" Gruhl, "Otts" Bradley, H. L. Blankenburg, Jack Baker, Walt Schulte and Joe Galland.

A number of changes are being made on the campus. The gym and the dairy building are being remodeled. The new physics building is nearing completion and should be ready for the students soon after school opens.

DAN H. STEELE.

PROVINCE III.

COLORADO.

The last social event of this chapter was the dinner dance on May 5th, same being held to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the chapter. The rooms were decorated with black and white streamers draped from the moulding to the chandeliers and hanging to the floor. Delicate lighting, aided by a huge grate fire, gave a particularly charming tinge to the large living room. The tables, which seated two couples, were arranged in irregular order through the dancing rooms and

front hall. The night was bright with moonlight; such a night for which Colorado is famous. Charming nooks were found upon the porch and on the grounds between the dances. Japanese lanterns shed a suffused light over the whole. The guests were much pleased with the beautiful music afforded by a Denver orchestra, concealed in an imitation grape arbor, placed in a small adjoining alcove. The dinner itself was in charge of a Denver caterer; the eight courses were one delightful pleasure after another. While the tables were being cleared away, an enchanting little program was rendered by the A. T. O. quartet upon the lawn. The chaperons enjoyed the evening hugely, and went away happy in the realization of what A. T. O. hospitality could mean. The alumni present were an enthusiastic crowd. A number of young ladies from Pueblo and Denver were among the guests.

Believing that the chapter letters should contain something other than mere recital of social events and personal items, and also having heard that "an honest confession is good for the soul," I regret to state that at the close of the past college year the financial condition of this chapter was in anything but a healthy condition, and desiring to know the cause for the same in order that we might profit from experience, the books of the chapter were turned over to an expert accountant, and from his report we were able to see where our house department ran behind and where there should be a saving in the item of help and a closer watch kept in other particulars. It was necessary for the deficit to be made up by a summer assessment on all members, and in order to avoid this in the future it is our intention to have the books of the chapter audited each month and we believe that by so doing we will be able to maintain a better financial condition and we offer this suggestion to other chapters, because we believe if they adopt this plan that it will be a help to them also.

During the summer vacation the members of the chapter have been scattered, but the indications are that, with the exception of those who graduated, the others will be back at Boulder with renewed spirits and replenished pocketbooks ready for another nine months of the chapter life.

JAMES W. HUFF.

SIMPSON.

Beta Alpha has just closed a very successful year, not so much in fraternity life alone as in the fact that Simpson College has taken a big step in advance, and the interests of the college are of first importance to the fraternity. An additional endowment of three hundred thousand dollars has been raised, a new central building is being planned, and the campus is to be enlarged.

With the close of commencement week our new president, Dr. James W. Campbell, took up the administration of the college affairs. He has

already proven himself to be just the man for the position. On the invitation of the Worthy Master, Doctor Campbell came to the house one Sunday and gave the boys a talk on the value of fraternities and their place in college life.

On June 5th the annual Tau picnic was enjoyed on the grounds of the Grand View Country Club near Des Moines. Thirty-four couples took the trip over in cars and returned late at night after a thoroughly delightful day.

Beta Alpha lost nine men by graduation this spring. Harris is reporting for the *Omaha News*; Ingvaldstad is preaching; Pote has taken an interest in his father's hardware business in Stuart; Stubbs is farming; Shaw will attend medical school, and White, Noble, Blatenberg and Rundberg will teach next year.

Due to the fact that a faculty ruling changed pledging to the second week of the sophomore year only two men were pledged this spring, Clyde Weldin and Walter Dunagan. Weldin was one of the regular forwards on the basketball team last year and played third and second base at times on the baseball team. Dunagan is an old Des Moines track star and has won points for Simpson in the mile, half and two mile this year.

HOWARD O. SMITH.

IOWA.

Delta Beta lost only three men last year by graduation, and it is possible that one of these will return to study law. This is a comparatively small number of men to go out, and leaves us a strong nucleus of twenty men returning this fall. We will begin the year with an evenly balanced chapter. Seven men will be in the college of law, two in dentistry, three in medicine, two in engineering, and the rest in the college of liberal arts.

Rushing plans have been outlined, a committee of real "pushers" placed in charge, and we hope to be in the running for the best of the new men from the very start. All of us will be back a week early, to put things in first-class shape for the campaign.

We are glad to report that Alpha Tau Omega will be represented this year on the local Pan-Hellenic Council, which is now composed of the nine national academic fraternities in the institution. The council has always maintained a very conservative attitude with regard to the admittance of new chapters, and we are pleased to announce our entrance, to become effective with the opening of the coming school year.

Football prospects at Iowa are bright, with Coach Howard Jones, who was formerly head coach at Ohio State and at Yale, in charge. We hope to realize this year some of the benefits of the year-round coach. Our chapter will have several men out.

A new enterprise was launched late in the spring, in the form of a

real student daily, to be conducted on the plan of the *Daily Illini*. We were successful in electing one man, Ray Clearman, as student trustee, for a term of two years, and Homer Roland will be editor-in-chief. This gives us a very good opening in the journalistic field.

The university will be opened this fall under a new president, Dr. Walter A. Jessup, former head of the school of education, succeeding Dr. Thomas H. Macbride, who has been made president emeritus. Dean McGovney, formerly of Tulane and Missouri, will take up his duties in September as dean of the college of law. D. D. REYNOLDS.

IOWA STATE.

Iowa Gamma Upsilon closed a most successful year June 2d, when we initiated three new men. We expect to initiate two more men at the end of the summer session.

We lost two good men by graduation this year, Harry L. Hilleary, who is now working for the Fairbanks-Morse Company in St. Louis, and Grant C. Caywood, who is working for W. J. Zitteral, a prominent building contractor of Webster City, Iowa. Marriott does not expect to be with us next year either. He is ranching it in the wilds of Wyoming at present.

Our social efforts this semester, aside from dinner parties, were confined to two dances. This was necessitated by the large number of all-college dances that we have enjoyed this year. Our first dance was an informal and unpretentious affair, but the second was held at the Country Club and was a formal dinner party. We feel pride in saying that it was one of the most successful parties of the year. As favors the ladies received bar pins with the A. T. O. coat-of-arms on them and the men guests from out of our own fraternity received stick pins with their own coat-of-arms.

We feel that we have again upheld our standing among the other students of the school, for in the election of class officers for next semester, Raeder was elected president of the junior class and Flick will be president of the sophomore class. Raeder was also elected chairman of all committees on the *Bomb* board for next year. Stevens was elected to Tau Beta Pi this spring and will be business manager of the *Iowa Engineer* next year. Nichols has made a name for himself as a debater and was elected to Delta Sigma Rho. Hilleary was further honored before school closed by being taken into Sigma Delta Chi and Phi Kappa Phi.

Some of our men show a very great susceptibility to Cupid's machinations. In fact, no less than four of our unfortunate brothers have fallen by the wayside during the past year. Caywood announced his engagement to Miss Marjory Willard, of Duluth. Marriott put his pin on Miss Pauline Newcomber, of Mason City, Iowa. Raeder gave his to Miss Florence Marsh, of Decorah, Iowa, and Stevens went down to Cedar

Rapids and left his with a Coe College girl from Sac City, Iowa. Our new men have all been warned to be careful what they do.

Our prospects for fall look excellent. We will have back some of our old men who have been forced to be absent temporarily, and our house will be nearly full when school starts. We expect to complete some remodeling this summer and will be more comfortable next fall.

FULTON B. FLICK.

KANSAS.

The close of school marks the end of a very prosperous year for A. T. O. at Kansas. The year has clearly shown that Gamma Mu is alive and active. During the last semester three men were pledged and initiated. Bruce Church, a sophomore, was initiated the early part of May, and Kenneth Keck and Harry Rinkart, also sophomores, were shown the secrets of our brotherhood the last day of school. This made a total membership of twenty-five. On account of graduation we lose six men who have done quite a bit for our fraternity. King, two-year "K" man in baseball, and Foust take the state bar examination June 15th. Haskin, E. E., goes to work for the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company. Smith, also an E. E., goes to Westinghouse. Waldo intends to enter his father's business at Ellis, Kansas, and Rathfon is to work for a local newspaper. All others intend to be back next fall.

A. T. O. pins have been very popular here this spring. Perhaps it is their beauty, or perhaps it is the weather; but whatever the cause of their popularity, the following engagements were announced: Leo Smith and Blanche Houston, Dale Young and Marion Judd, Paul Rathfon and Betty Waldo, and Kenneth Foust and Anna Fryar. We suspect one other. Our alumni have not been slow either along this line. Two were married and three others announced their intentions.

Our annual farewell party which was given at the chapter house the last day of school was a decided success. A number of our old men were here for it. Alpha Tau skins were the favors.

We were especially honored by a visit from Province Chief George B. Drake on May 29th. He stopped while on his way back to Denver from the Missouri chapter. The chapter also acknowledges visits of Routh, Fischer, Howe, Jones, J. O'Donnell and Zimmerman.

W. WEISSENBORN.

MINNESOTA.

Among the various instructions to the PALM correspondent is one that he should relate cold facts, and cut out the fine writing and bombast. It will be the purpose of this letter to relate cold facts and nothing else.

When the baseball season rolled around things looked bright for a

good team. We had tied for the championship in the previous year, and with Baldwin in good form, things looked promising. The inter-fraternity league had put up a one-year cup and the two-year cup was still at large. To epitomize, we came to the semi-finals without much trouble, the last three games being without error. The Delta Chi team was played in the semi-finals and were beaten, 13 to 0. We met the Phi Sigma Kappa team in the finals and were beaten, 4 to 2. Our success in previous games had been too much for us and the team did not play up to standard. Of course, we were disappointed, but by a batting rally which netted five runs we beat the Phi Kappa Psi team, 6 to 5, for the championship of 1915. Winning one championship and being in the finals for another has had a tendency to bring the fellows together outside of the house and the result has been most beneficial.

When the election to the senior honorary societies had been announced, three of the brothers were recipients of bids. In one of the societies we have had only two men, but this year two of the brothers were elected. Some of the other honors that have been thrust upon the brothers are: C. W. Cole, president of the All-University Council; Theo. L. Sogard, cadet colonel for the 1916-17 year; and besides this there are positions on the Minnesota Daily Board and Athletic Board of Control.

W. W. Dunnell, O. Morlan, L. D. Taylor and J. C. Bettridge are the brothers that graduated this year. Needless to say we are sorry to see them go, but we hope to see much of them in the future. C. H. Baldwin, who is now on the Citizens' Training Cruise along the Atlantic Coast, has decided not to re-enter school. R. A. Cole, who is now on the Mexican border, will not be back. So be it, six of the brothers have gone out into the business world, and from their past records they ought to succeed.

The writer will refrain from painting a picture of bright prospects. Fifteen or sixteen of last year's chapter will be back, one or two of the brothers that have stayed out a year are coming back, which in all will give us the largest active chapter back in the fall that we have had for three years. We are all hopeful, but we realize that some work must be done. We have a good congenial chapter with many earnest workers, so let the future come.

J. L. TOWNLEY, JR.

MISSOURI.

The end of the 1915-16 school year closed with the chapter in normal condition. Before the final adeaus definite plans were formulated which will insure systematic work in our fall rushing.

In the inter-fraternity baseball tournament we were the winners in our division, but were defeated in the championship struggle by the Sigma Nus by a score of 4 to 2. E. J. Renick made a very creditable showing in the Missouri Valley track meet. Fred C. Wright received his A. B. in June, and has accepted a position as chemist with Sears, Roebuck

& Co., Chicago. Clay Stark will not return next fall, but will endeavor to aid his father in grafting and pruning at the Stark Nurseries. Beverly Devinna has been converted to the "back to nature" movement and will remain on his farm at Versailles. Irl B. Krause received his medical certificate and A. B. in arts and science, and has accepted a position in the State Health Department. Word has been received that C. R. Wilson and George Bryant are on the Mexican border protecting the honor of the country. J. R. Wilson and Charles Jones, of the Wyoming chapter, who completed their work for Master's degrees in agriculture, have returned to their native state.

J. R. Houx and E. J. Renick made a tour of the eastern cities during the early part of June, and were easily convinced that the Middle West was the best place to live. Seven men remained for summer school work; and, in spite of the work and hot weather, time was found to give an interfraternity dance on July 7th.

Province Chief George B. Drake made us a visit the last of May, during which visit compliments and timely suggestions were made by him for the welfare of the chapter.

We have enjoyed recent visits from "Snooty" Hudson, Phil Graves, Hobart Williams, Jefferson Southard, Warren Viley, Drury Calahan and Oscar Schleicher. Guy Reed, Gamma Theta, director of athletics at Nebraska University, was here for the Missouri Valley conference meet and made a call at the house.

We are very pleased to note that the list of visiting alumni has increased considerably since the writing of the last letter, and we re-emphasize at this time the invitation for them to return.

J. H. HARKLESS, JR.

NEBRASKA.

The twentieth annual banquet will be held November 17th at the Garden Room, Lincoln Hotel. All brothers are hereby ordered to mobilize. No excuses will be accepted.

R. E. WEAVERLING.

WYOMING.

The annual picnic of the chapter was held this year on May 27th at New Albany, the trip to that place being made by special train. The little outing affords a recreation for all, coming as it does just before the week of "finals."

At the chapter elections Wilcox was made Worthy Master and Payson was re-elected to the position of Worthy Keeper of Exchequer. The last initiation of the year was held under their charge, and the creditable work shows that the chapter was especially fortunate in the choice of the new officers. Gamma Psi feels unusually proud of its last two initiates:

Sam Ross, a freshman, and Lieutenant Beverly C. Daly, head of the military department of the university. Daly will certainly be a guiding hand to the chapter in future years.

Three of our leading men were lost by graduation this season: Cobb, Laughlin and Irwin. Irwin is intending to take an examination this fall to enter the army. Cobb and Laughlin will probably do advanced work at some other college for the next year or two. Coons, our Caruso, is intending to stay out of school one year, but hopes to be able to return in 1917.

We have a line on several new men for the coming year, and with the comparatively large senior class that we shall have, we hope to pull through as well next year as we did the past year under the leadership of the outgoing men.

DON G. SHINGLER.

PROVINCE IV.

MAINE.

Beta Upsilon loses four members by graduation who while in college upheld the honor of the fraternity. Clarke, '15, Barker, '18, and Weymouth, '19, are now on the border with the infantry from Maine.

During the year we have renovated the house in different ways and it will be ready for us to go into in the fall. Our matron, Mrs. Williams, expects to return in the fall.

In the spring elections Abbott was elected as manager of baseball, while several others received offices. Moore, '18, had cartoons in the *Prism*.

We expect to have a full house in the fall after we have pledged some freshmen, as indications point to a large registration. During the last semester a large number of alumni have visited us.

L. EARLE MERROW.

COLBY.

Gamma Alpha finished its twenty-fourth year in a manner very gratifying to its members. The chapter's finances are in the best condition they have enjoyed for several years. Although we had no Phi Beta Kappa men this year, the general scholastic average was higher than for any of the years immediately previous. Next year we plan to perfect our scheme of finances which have always been a source of considerable trouble, and to raise our average in scholarship.

Ross Stanwood, Horace Coolidge and Ralph Howes made their letters in track, Howes being Colby's individual star in the meet with Worcester Tech. George Ferrell and William Gallier were also on the squad. Gerald MacCarthy was elected assistant manager of track.

John Harriman, James Conlon and Earle Tyler were on the baseball squad.

Fred Pottle, Roy Hayes and Daniel Sullivan made the Hallowell prize speaking contest, Pottle winning second prize. Robert Carey and Earle Tyler were chosen for the finals in the freshman prize speaking contest in which Carey placed second. Fred Pottle was on the losing team of the Murray prize debate. Carroll Flanders and Fred Pottle made the junior prize exhibition and won first and second prizes in the order mentioned. Byron Smith was class prophet in the senior exercises.

Fred Pottle and William Gallier were on the honor list in scholarship. George Ferrell was assistant marshal and Vernon Smith an usher for the commencement exercises. Donald Tozier was chosen for the Epicureans, the senior honorary society. Daniel Sullivan and William Chute will be on the editorial board of the *Echo* next year.

We gave a fishing party to preparatory school men in May. The best men of all the schools in the vicinity were invited, and the affair proved an immense success. As we lost a large number of our best men by graduation this year, we were able to make a much better impression than we could in the fall. A novel method of entertainment, styled "an indoor track meet," was provided, which was certainly a "scream." We pledged two of the best, who were sure of entering Colby in the fall, and formed a rushing committee to be back early and look after several of the others next season. We took this occasion to present Ross Stanwood, captain of the varsity football team, and an untiring worker for the interests of the chapter, with a slight gift as a token of our appreciation.

Prof. Clarence Johnson (Gamma Delta) has been granted a year's leave of absence by the president to engage in Y. M. C. A. work under Doctor Mott in the European prison camps. We shall miss him a great deal, as he has been very interested in the affairs of the chapter. We wish him all success in his work, and a safe return to us in 1917.

A large number of alumni were back for commencement, and a very enthusiastic reunion was held. The house is being completely repaired, papered and painted during vacation. We exchanged our old Victrola for a new one which is a great improvement.

The brothers were terribly shocked to read of the death of Arthur Riley, of the class of 1916, by drowning shortly after commencement. Riley was one of the most popular men in college. He had put himself through college and was for two years a partner in the college book store. He was on the winning team of the Murray prize debate in 1915, was for two years an assistant editor of the college weekly, and was this year the editor-in-chief of the *Oracle*, the college annual. He was also a member of the sophomore honorary society, the Mystics. He had held office in the fraternity, and was always deeply concerned in its welfare. In his loss, Gamma Alpha has suffered indeed.

FRED A. POTTLE.

M. I. T.

On June 12th, 13th and 14th occurred the greatest and most impressive set of events in the history of the institute—the reunion exercises, at which the formal dedication of the new buildings took place. Thousands of alumni poured in and shared in the fun and formalities. Beta Gamma welcomed about forty to fifty of her alumni back, furnishing bachelor quarters at 30 Newbury Street for those not previously attended to.

On the 12th a luncheon was given at the house for the alumni, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Following are the institute affairs in order: Inspection of new buildings, alumni smoker, Farewell-to-Rogers ceremony, Nantasket outing, the pageant, graduation exercises, and finally the great banquet with transcontinental telephone speeches. The pageant was undoubtedly the grandest display ever staged and was carried through with a success beyond expectation. Our seniors, Buxton, Brown, Easley and Martin, all received degrees, much to their relief. The smooth and even running of all the reunion program was largely due, we are proud to say, to the efforts of Park and Macomber of the alumni.

On May 29th our senior banquet was held. It was declared a great success, the seniors quite outdoing each other both in speaking and otherwise.

The active chapter on May 21st gave a little surprise birthday party in honor of Macomber, Buxton acting as toastmaster. "Mac" proved as satisfactory as ever in being surprised.

Though facing the vital problem of new quarters, Beta Gamma is feeling confident of a fine year, with the return of twenty men. Quite a few are hoping to be present at the St. Louis Congress.

We are pleased to announce the initiation of Professor Russell as another frater in facultate.

W. C. PATTERSON.

TUFTS.

Five members were lost at the June commencement by Gamma Beta, but the roll at present numbers twenty-two energetic brothers who will return to college several days before the opening to commence rushing.

Of the graduates, Thorndike is situated with the National Transit Pump and Machine Company, at Oil City, Pennsylvania; Fairbank is with the Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation in Cambridge; McLellan has gone into the employ of the Aberthaw Construction Company, of Boston, and Fuller is to enter Harvard Medical School.

Our annual senior farewell dinner at the chapter house was a successful affair. Evelth, '19, was toastmaster, and the departing brothers, whom he introduced, had interesting messages and words of advice.

A goodly number of brothers with their friends went on the May 30th outing held on the Concord River and in spite of showers everybody had

a wonderful time and all, especially the freshmen, have signed up for next year's outing.

As regards activities, Symmes, '17, and Leo Porter, '17, have made Tower Cross, senior honorary society, the former being elected president. Beacham, '19, was elected to Sword and Shield, sophomore honorary society. Symmes has also been elected to the Athletic Advisory Board, the under class governing board, and vice president of the Evening Party Association. The college book store will next year be in charge of Symmes, '17, bookseller, and Beattie, '19, assistant bookseller. In athletics, especially in track, the brothers were active. Hudson, '19; Beacham, '19, and Captain Thorndike were the mainstays of the team, Hudson proving to be the most reliable sprinter in college. Only three freshmen in college won letters last year, two being A. T. O.'s: Beacham and Hudson in track, and the former also in football. Leo Porter was sub-catcher on the greatest baseball team ever turned out at Tufts.

The scholarship of the members, none too good at the last letter, improved noticeably near the end, and according to reports from the college office, we will stand high in the rating. Financially we are in a prosperous condition.

A campaign among the brothers for funds to paint the chapter house is being successfully carried out by W. M. Symmes, and we are sure of having an excellent appearing house as an attraction to new members this fall.

We are all sorry to lose last year's seniors and we shall especially miss Thorndike, who will always be remembered as one of our best representatives. He was a popular man, a leader in college, and an idolized hero on the athletic field.

The chapter was pleased to learn that Jackson, ex-'18, now in Beta Lambda chapter at Michigan, has been elected a member of Sphinx, the honorary junior literary society there. Jack was a big man while at Tufts.

Several brothers from the neighboring chapters at M. I. T., Worcester Tech and Brown have dropped in on us since the last letter.

J. C. GEER.

WORCESTER.

The close of another school year ends the college career of seven Gamma Sigma men. One graduate student, S. T. Williams, has joined the editorial staff of the *Automobile*, and the six seniors are placed as follows: L. W. Dunbar, Lowell Electric Light Company, Lowell, Massachusetts; F. G. Gifford, N. E. Westinghouse Company, Chicopee, Massachusetts; C. A. Stone, H. S. Ferguson, Consulting Engineer, New York City; E. A. Varney, Eastern Bridge Company, Worcester, Massachusetts; W. S. Warner, Hartford Engineering Department, Hartford, Con-

necticut, T. W. Farnsworth, Chase Metal Works, Waterville, Connecticut.

T. W. Farnsworth attended the Northfield Conference, the Plattsburg military training camp and the U. S. naval cruise before taking up his business duties.

At the final athletic council meeting of last year, varsity letters were awarded to Captain C. A. Stone, R. L. Tomblen and Manager G. M. Pomeroy. P. S. Haselton received a track letter; N. P. Knowlton, a qualified track letter, and C. S. Darling, a rifle letter. R. B. Heath was elected assistant baseball manager; J. H. Humphrey, assistant football manager, and E. H. Root, assistant track manager. Besides the above letter men, W. S. Warner and C. L. Woodman were members of the baseball squad. In inter-fraternity baseball A. T. O. lost but one game. The series, as yet unfinished, will be completed in the fall.

P. S. Haselton attended the Northfield Conference and the U. S. naval cruise.

A smoker was given to the baseball squad on May 17th and the fourth and fifth house dances were held April 22d and June 7th, respectively.

At the institute commencement exercises the new alumni gymnasium was dedicated, marking the practical completion of the work for which A. D. Butterfield, secretary of the alumni association, has labored so many years.

The chapter expects to open the school year with twenty-nine men, including one graduate student and two graduate assistants in the electrical engineering department.

C. S. DARLING.

VERMONT.

The college year 1915-16 closed successfully with the 112th commencement, June 25th to 28th. The greater part of the brothers of Beta Zeta left at once for summer jobs and are now well scattered throughout the state. Wilson, Thayer and Stanley went to Mexico with the college militia company. Churchill, our Worthy Master, has a position as state dairy inspector, a position which gives him a fine chance to keep in touch with the brothers during the summer vacation.

The closing months of the year found our men taking an unusual prominent part in college activities. The success of junior week, May 16th to 18th, was due in large part to the efforts of A. T. O.'s. Churchill was chairman of the general committee; Sanders was chairman of the committee which put on one of the most successful junior proms of recent years, and Bean was president of the dramatic society which produced "Twelfth Night" in a manner which won high praise. To many of us the most enjoyable event of the week was our dance held Friday evening at the Ethan Allen clubhouse.

The announcements of the elections to the class honorary societies

were very gratifying to us. Churchill and Sanders were chosen for Boulder, the senior society, and R. D. Adams for Key and Serpent. In the managership elections Jones was made assistant manager of track and Brown of tennis. Pearl, '19, distinguished himself by winning his "V" in tennis.

On Tuesday afternoon of commencement week we held a reception at the house with Prof. and Mrs. Frederick Tupper and Professor Jacobs in the receiving line. In the evening of the same day we had our alumni reunion and banquet.

We are now looking forward to the fall opening of college, as the prospects appear bright for another successful year. The inter-fraternity rushing rules have been somewhat revised, the principal change being the shortening of the neutral period from about a month to ten days. More than twenty brothers will probably be back and although those lost by graduation will be greatly missed, we shall expect to pledge enough good freshmen to help fill their places.

R. C. BROWN.

PROVINCE V.

ST. LAWRENCE.

The current year closed fairly auspiciously for Alpha Omicron. The crowning event of commencement was, as usual, the alumni banquet. On the evening of June 12th nearly half a hundred Taus gathered around the tables in the chapter house. The spirit and fervor of these banquets was really notable—it seemed to surpass anything displayed in the old house in years, and it was brought to a climax by the speeches of the evening. George H. Partridge acted as toastmaster. The speakers were Harry Westbrook Reed, '99; Ward C. Priest, '07; Warren M. Slocum, '12; Bligh A. Dodds, ex-'16, and Atwood B. Oatman, '16. A talk by Worthy Grand Chief Giffin, '95, though extemporaneous, was one of the most striking of the evening, while Irving Bacheller, '82, mingled, in a manner that has made him famous, seriousness with his inimitable humor. Edward Quinn, '01, who had come the breadth of the continent to attend the St. Lawrence commencement, was another speaker. Following the banquet the members of the active chapter and some of the younger alumni, after the usual custom, serenaded not only the local sororities, but the houses occupied by visiting alumni brothers, so that most of them were awakened in the act of catching their first winks of sleep after the evening's ordeal.

In baseball this season Chappell, '17, and Guernsey, '19, won their "L's." In track Captain McGinnis, '16, was the mainstay of the varsity in the weight events. College dramatics were on the boom this year; Sutton, '17, was manager and Taylor, '17, a member of the cast of a play which not only had a lengthy itinerary, but played two unusually

successful commencement performances. Dodds, '19, is a charter member of the recently established St. Lawrence chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha, a national debating fraternity. Frost, '17, has earned the editor-in-chiefship for the coming year of the *Laurentian*, the college monthly, and Sutton is associate editor of the same publication.

Frost, '17, has charge of rushing plans for the fall and by virtue of the rather elaborate system he has worked out we hope to have no trouble in landing any men we may want.

H. S. SUTTON.

CORNELL.

New York Beta Theta reviews the past collegiate year with a deep feeling of self-complacency. The last months of the semester have witnessed chapter and individual activity of all description, and their success has reflected glory upon A. T. O.

Socially, our senior week house party was the most successful that has ever been given by the chapter. By way of preparation, Beta Theta entertained the fraternity men of Cornell and their guests with an informal dance on the evening of May 19th, which was followed in June by our big senior week house party and dance. Practically all of the sixty fraternities at Cornell were represented at the dance, so that the house was filled to its capacity, a fact which in itself is a tribute to its great success. About twenty-five delightful girls with chaperons occupied the chapter house during the week's festivities, and every one apparently made the best of a wonderful time.

Beta Theta has also made remarkable strides in athletic circles, so that at the close of the year we could boast of more "C" men at the house than any other fraternity on the hill. As a result of the spring athletic awards, the highly-coveted "C" was awarded to six active members of the chapter, making a total of nine "C" awards to the house. The six new awards were J. M. Watt and A. L. Culbertson, track; W. H. Sutterby, basketball; R. K. Austin, baseball; F. H. Thomas, soccer, and H. C. Drescher, lacrosse. The other three men previously wearing "C's" were F. J. Clary and W. H. Sutterby, baseball, and E. W. Kleinert, wrestling.

F. J. Clary, varsity catcher of the baseball team for the past two seasons, was elected captain of the nine for next year. Clary and Culbertson have also been honored by election to an honorary senior society, and J. M. Watt has made the honorary junior society.

Our freshman class appears to be one of the best, and promises great things for Beta Theta in the near future. Because of the one-year rule at Cornell, the freshmen have not appeared in varsity athletics, but have devoted their time to study and with excellent results. They will make their debut in varsity circles next fall, however, and everything promises for a continuance of our past success.

H. C. DRESCHER.

MUHLENBERG.

By the time this issue of the *PALM* is published the renovation of the second floor of Alpha Iota's home will have been completed. The brothers are deeply indebted to the alumni association, especially those of Allentown, for enabling the active men to enjoy an improved chapter house.

Alpha Iota for the third successive time had one of its men valedictorian, C. Luther Fry leading his class in scholarship. Fry will take a post-graduate course at Columbia this fall to specialize in sociology and economics. Earl Witmer ranked high in the final grades, receiving honorable mention.

Joseph T. Hummel was elected business manager of the Glee Club and Thomas B. Keck, president. The club will be trained by Harold Marks and the skit is being prepared by John McCollum.

In athletics Steel and Heuer were given track monograms. Caskey is captain of this year's football team. We are glad to announce the initiation of Roger Hartman, of Allentown. Hartman is a member of both the football and track squads.

Our final social function of the year was the usual picnic and dance at Sand Springs. Several of the many alumni who were present for commencement week attended.

RAYMOND LEEMHUIS.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

The condition of Alpha Pi at the close of school was the best that it has been for several years, both in regard to finances and men. We expect about fifteen active men and two pledges back as a nucleus to build up a strong chapter for next year.

We had four men graduate in June. B. L. Connelley and T. E. McMillan expect to enter the medical school in the fall. C. C. Kahle, who has since been married, expects to study law, and P. E. Drew will teach.

Five Alpha Taus were given master's degrees at commencement time. Earl Booz, Harry Allshouse and William Donaldson were given the degree of Master of Arts and Clyde Tibbens and Robert Knox were given the degree of Master of Science.

There was great excitement on the morning after commencement when Ralph W. Thomas, '15, who for the past year has been the assistant mathematics professor, got married at six o'clock in the morning and tried to steal away on his honeymoon without a send-off. His attempt was a failure and we gave them a fine send-off.

J. C. Booth, A. W. Davidson and Joseph Robb are taking extra work in summer school this summer. We have had visits from William Glad-den, Joseph McFarland, Audley McFarland, Frank McKee, Clyde Tibbens, Clifford Lane, Jesse Richey, Harry Allshouse, Robert Knox, Howard Hanson and Roy Black.

D. I. McALISTER.

LEHIGH.

Vacation has consumed practically all the time since the June issue of the PALM, leaving us with a dirge of news and notes. However, we are receiving reports regularly of the doings of our men and of the prospects they pick up here and there. Judging by these reports we should have a busy and successful rushing season when college opens September 21st.

The college year came to a close in June with a celebration by the university of its fiftieth anniversary which was attended by a large number of alumni and friends. In the midst of this celebration came the chapter's annual alumni banquet which was held in the chapter house and managed by our steward and butler. Due to the many outside attractions the diners did not put in an appearance till late and our speakers failed to show up at all, but we received commendations on all sides and were pleased and satisfied.

In the late spring elections William T. Staats was honored with the business managership of the *Epitome*, the year book of the university.

John M. Toohy, a member of the faculty, is reported ill in New York with infantile paralysis. We have been able to obtain no further news of his condition.

Bedell Neubert was elected to the Cyanide Club in May.

Four men were lost to the chapter by graduation: John M. Wells, Laury G. Stem, Leicester H. Lancaster and Miles W. Kresge. Stem and Lancaster were on the class day committee. The scholastic standing of the chapter is on the whole very good.

GEORGE S. JONES.

—
GETTYSBURG.

This is the season of the year when the attention of the fraternity ought to be and is being directed toward the discovery of possible initiates for the coming year. Alpha Upsilon is going about this vital matter in a systematic way, and with the assistance of our alumni we hope to have rounded up some pretty likely material by September 20th, when we resume activity.

By graduation in June we lost four very valuable active men: J. Clyde Cassidy, Charles B. McCollough, James Eugene Mahaffie and George E. Scheffer, men whose absence in the future will be felt keenly both by the college and the fraternity. Other men, who for other reasons are not certain of returning, we are not going to count lost until they fail to show themselves in September. All told, we expect to start the new year with at least twenty men of the former chapter returned to duty.

Our commencement dance held the evening of June 5th, and our annual banquet held the following evening attracted an unusually large representation of our alumni. One thing noticeable in that gathering was the absolute absence of an age limit in the men who came back. There were young men who still found comrades among the members of the

active chapter, and there were older men whose chief pleasure lay in recollection, and in the comparison of their memories of the past with the realities of our more glorious present—all mingling in true fellowship.

STEWART E. DUFF.

PENN STATE.

At the close of the school year, Gamma Omega lost ten of her strongest men by graduation, namely, George K. Brennen, Milton Bishop, Howard Baughman, T. LaRue Courson, Howard G. Dimmig, Arthur F. Fischer, William H. Colegrove, W. Grant Powell, Jack N. P. Easby and Howard R. Pickett. This leaves us a nucleus of twenty-three men for next year, which is the largest chapter Gamma Omega has had at the beginning of any school year.

The week of June 10th to 17th we held our annual spring house party. At this time we were glad to entertain several of our alumni, among whom were Walter Niebling, Alva Gill, James E. Guffney, James Watson, Levi Lamb, Richard Clapp and Carl Rieck.

In the spring inter-fraternity track meet Gamma Omega finished second. A week later, at the spring elections, Frank J. B. Unger was elected president of the class of 1919. B. J. Fair and Dan Kistler were elected to the student council.

Baughman won his varsity baseball "S" this spring, pitching six games and winning them all.

Although the standing in scholarship has not yet been announced, we feel confident that the cup for fraternity standing will come to the Tau house next fall. Not a single Tau failed in a single examination. Only four of us procured conditions in one subject and only one of us in two. We feel proud of this record, but hope to better it this year.

WILLIAM B. BYERS.

PROVINCE VI.

NORTH CAROLINA.

During commencement Alpha Delta figured as usual. Hoke Black and McDaniel Lewis were graduated, and Hugh Smith and Eugene Pendergrass finished the medical course offered here and will be at the University of Pennsylvania next fall. Hugh Smith was toastmaster at the spring banquet of the Medical Society, while Hillary Winslow served on the law school banquet committee.

At the spring elections of the athletic association Hugh Black was elected assistant manager of the baseball team for 1917.

Hoke Black managed the baseball team this spring and McLewis played star ball at third. It was Lewis' third year on the team and he finished in fine style.

Just before we left college Dougald MacMillan was initiated into the Dramatic Order of Satyrs and the Society of Omega Delta, both honorary.

At present we are scattered mostly over two states and having a big time, but will be back on the job in September and hope to have a successful year in every way.

W. DOUGALD MACMILLAN, 3d.

TRINITY.

North Carolina Xi made a wise departure this year from the usual commencement banquet custom by giving a very enjoyable house party at Loch Lily, an ideal country club near Durham. The habitual few hours of formal, hackneyed and tiring speeches were replaced this commencement by six whole days of pleasure beginning a day after the regular college year at Trinity came to a close.

The place of the house party is one of the most picturesque and romantic country clubs conceivable. The rustic clubhouse in which the merry party stayed sits on the flank of a tall hill and is almost entirely hidden by tall trees. Leading from the twenty-foot stairs of a high, perpetually cool porch winds a rocky path to the broad, lily-covered lake below. This stretch of water spreads itself over an expanse of three square miles, and its numerous self-affording pleasures made it the prime site of amusement during the greater part of the breezy days and during the earlier hours of the clear, moonlight nights.

Among the pleasantries which the jovial crowd indulged in were dancing, swimming, boating, lily-gathering and hiking. These and other continued attractions and amusements made the sojourn at Loch Lily highly enjoyable.

This chapter looks forward to a successful opening of the coming session. This optimistic anticipation is based on the fact that only one man was lost in the last graduating class and that nine active undergraduates intend to be back in college. Much good material is being looked over even this far ahead, and lines have been drawn on two or three worthy freshmen.

On the annual elections of upper classmen into various honor offices this chapter was fairly represented. J. H. Ruff, reliable sprinter of the varsity track team for three years, was chosen to pilot the team of 1917. J. W. Smoot, one of the assistants of the baseball nine of last year, was elected financial manager of the next squad. Banks Arendell, for two years a member of the staff of the *Chronicle*, is to be the next editor of the weekly. H. E. Newbury is the most likely candidate for manager-ship of the varsity track team of next spring. J. E. Bennett has become assistant manager of the college Glee Club, while R. K. Courtney holds several minor offices, among which is his assistant managership of the college annual publication.

BANKS ARENDELL.

CHARLESTON.

Beta Xi closed the year with the largest and probably the most prosperous chapter that it has had in many years. Commencement meant the loss of three seniors: White, Rivers and Moore. Rivers managed to carry off most of the glory by taking in an M. A. along with his B. A. degree, and giving out the commencement essay as the final event of his oratorical career at the college. Moore and White also carried off their degrees, and Stony expects to join the graduates next fall.

Before the close of school Pinckney was awarded his letter for good work on the baseball team and J. I. Waring was elected vice president of the athletic association for next year.

By this time the members of the chapter are pretty well scattered. When the militia was mustered in Stoney and Rhett rallied to the colors, and have since been enjoying the sun and the mosquitoes at the mobilization camp. By virtue of his previous military training at government camps, Stoney obtained a corporalship in the cavalry troop organized in Charleston, in which troop Rhett is also enlisted. Rivers has gone on to Plattsburg, via Washington, where he investigated his chances of obtaining a commission in the regular army, with what success we have not heard.

Moore and Dotterer are the only ones who have been energetic enough to go to work, and the latter has not been so overburdened with work as to prevent him from recently taking a short trip to New York. The rest of the chapter are either taking their ease in the city or in the mountains of North Carolina.

The final averages were not all that could be desired; they showed some very good records and also some very poor ones, but nevertheless the marks seem to have improved as the year progressed. We hope for further betterment during the coming sessions.

The chapter can look back on a fairly good record for the year—the finances have proven satisfactory; the chapter has had two letter men, two presidents of the literary societies, and other men engaged in all phases of college activity, social, literary and athletic. Excepting the graduates, all the members of the chapter expect to return and hold up Beta Xi's reputation for next year.

J. I. WARING, JR.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Virginia Beta closed on June 14th the most successful year of its life, from the standpoint of literary, social and athletic activities in the college. For 1917 it also seems that the chapter will overcome that ancient proverb concerning the difficulty in standing prosperity. Of Virginia Beta's twenty-one members, only three intend not to return, Reuben A. Lewis being lost through graduation, and William F. Taylor and J. J. Tucker through different plans for the future.

In the spring elections, Virginia Beta was unusually fortunate, landing practically all the positions applied for. H. K. Young was elected president of the final ball for 1917, the most coveted social office in the university; J. B. Wadsworth was elected manager of baseball, and J. B. Gladney, manager of track for next session, while as assistant managers, Allein Beall in football, M. W. Paxton in basketball, and E. D. Crocheron in baseball, will serve.

B. F. Woodruff, who secured his A. B. degree in the remarkably short period of three years at the age of nineteen, will return to take law. To him belongs the honor of managing the 1916 *Calyx*, the most successful annual ever put out here. On all the college publication staffs Virginia Beta was well represented, having seven men on the *Calyx* and four on the *Ring Tum Phi* staff.

On the baseball diamond, H. K. Young and T. S. Jones received monograms, while in track, tridents went to E. L. Gladney and Young. This versatile athlete deserves special note, having been captain of basketball and track, and captain-elect of football and baseball. Young has received eleven monograms in his past three years at the university, and was awarded the first William Graham all-round athlete cup presented this year—a career unequaled in this college. Young is president of the final ball and a very popular man in the student body.

During final week T. H. Scovell rowed on the second Harry Lee boat crew in the annual race, while R. A. Lewis served as head of the executive committee in charge of final week and assistant leader of the final ball. Paul C. Buford was a visitor at commencement.

M. W. PAXTON, JR.

PROVINCE VII.

MOUNT UNION.

With about twenty-five active men ready to re-enter school in September, Ohio Alpha Nu looks forward to a most successful year. Our seniors of last year will, for the most part, enter professional schools. Bradshaw and Woods go to Pitt, Unger to Reserve and Stouffer to Columbia. Ford, Thorpe and McCready will enter high school work, and Morgan will take up his duties as pastor of a Methodist charge. Of the old men that return, Lindsay, Bowman, McLean, Nycamp and Windle are varsity football men. Wall, Coombs and Allott will be strong contenders for the squad. Andler will act as student football manager. Fletcher will edit the *Unonian*, the college annual, this year, and Walker will be business manager for the *Dynamo*.

Commencement was a very enjoyable time for old Alpha Nu. Woods won the Lichty medical scholarship, Burrell the sophomore scholarship prize and Allott the freshman athletic-scholarship medal. Fletcher

received second award in a national essay contest. During commencement week an alumni reunion was held, closing with a banquet that was largely attended by the graduates of the chapter. The following day a farewell picnic was enjoyed at the country club.

School authorities have selected the Case-Mt. Union game, October 21st, as the date for the annual home-coming for the alumni. In the evening an Alpha Tau dinner will be held and every member of the chapter is urged to return for the event.

RAYMOND F. FLETCHER.

WITTENBERG.

Alpha Psi will start the coming school year with the majority of its old brothers still in the rank. Three members successfully completed their courses and received their diplomas. They are H. E. Dunmire, J. V. Cory and H. H. Petty. A few of the brothers were unable to return this fall, but prospects of filling these places made vacant in our ranks are very good. We start the year with two athletic captaincies to our credit, R. W. Betchtel in football and S. G. Netts in basketball. During the summer the brothers in and about Springfield enjoyed several smokers.

During commencement week last spring the chapter received visits from the following alumni: Downing, E. G. Woodard, Dolbeer and Schmidt.

F. A. TOUCHMAN.

OHIO STATE.

This summer finds Ohio Beta Omega rejoicing over two things especially. First, the alumni head of our realty company, Otto H. Spengler, reports that \$8,000 worth of stock has been subscribed for our new house, in which we lived last year, and that quite a bit of this has already been paid in. The second is that the contract was let last Tuesday for a new dining room. It will be located in the basement and will comfortably seat thirty-six men. We expect it to be ready when school starts. Besides, it will free two rooms upstairs for other purposes. The cost of remodeling will be borne by the active chapter.

The house is open this summer under the care of Carl F. Block, who has everything in first-class condition. Twelve men are living in the house.

Two round robin letters are making the trip to the summer homes of the boys and find Alpha Taus farming, banking, manufacturing and selling everything from scrub brushes to farm machinery.

We pledged ten men last year, nine of whom will be back and initiated soon after school starts. They are a fine, clean, lively crowd and will make dependable members.

We shall graduate ten or eleven men this year, which will make it necessary to pledge a larger number than usual. We are in friendly personal touch with quite a number of good prospects.

It is vain to make prediction, but we think we can see for this year two or three Strollers, a couple of Glee Club men, two on the football squad, one each in track, basketball and baseball. Besides we hope to have a *Makio* editor and already have the Y. M. C. A. president and two cabinet men. On last Link Day one of our men was linked into Sphinx, senior honorary society. He will be in school this year. **RUSKIN DYE.**

RESERVE.

Gamma Kappa lost by graduation one of the largest and strongest classes that has ever been initiated into the chapter. The record that the class has made has been an enviable one. Of eleven men initiated four years ago, nine received diplomas. Coon, '16, who withdrew from school on account of sickness, will return in the fall to finish, and H. G. Smith, '16, is now attending Michigan Aggies.

Sunderland was not only the most active man in the class, being president of the student council and captain of the basketball team, besides numerous other things, but graduated with highest honors and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Schuele, after having received seven varsity athletic letters in three years, was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa. His was one of the most remarkable records ever made in Reserve.

With the beginning of the school year not far away the brothers are looking forward to a very successful rushing and pledging season. We already have a line on a number of good men who will enter Reserve in the fall. With seventeen of the brothers returning we will have a strong nucleus around which to build.

McConnel, '17, who has just been admitted to the bar, will not return. His loss is a serious one, for he has always been an ardent worker. He had been elected captain of the football team for the coming year. R. B. Vaughn, '18, will attend Ohio State.

During the summer months the house has been open and many of the alumni, as well as the active men in town, have used it as their stopping place, eight or ten being housed regularly. **N. J. McCONOUGHNEY.**

PROVINCE VIII.

KENTUCKY.

Mu Iota chapter has outgrown the house that has been its home for the last six years of its history and is to rent a larger house for temporary use until a permanent home is built. The new house corporation feels sure that the chapter will occupy a house of its own in a very short while.

Believing that the bringing together of all the boys at the house for meals will strengthen the chapter, we are making arrangements to eat at the house this school year.

We have made a special effort to get a line on next year's freshmen, and as we only lose four men through graduation, if the new class has any A. T. O. material in it this year's chapter will be larger and stronger than ever before.

The one sad thought in the minds of all M. I. men is that Tom Taylor, J. W. Thompson, R. A. Wallace and C. C. Martin will not be there to share our pleasures and to give their ideas to the chapter which have been so beneficial in past years. These men have gone out from school to help advance the reputation of A. T. O. Taylor and Thompson are working in machine shops in the East; Wallace is putting into practice his agriculture at his home in Kentucky, and Martin expects to enter the medical department at Johns Hopkins this fall. With the exception of these men a large percentage of the chapter are expecting to return for a big year's work for Alpha Tau Omega.

HARRY L. MILWARD.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.

From the chain letter which we have been sending, indications are that all the brothers are having a pleasant as well as profitable vacation. Several of the brothers have been using their spare time recruiting new men for next session, the outlook of which is very promising. The president of the university has sent us encouraging reports as to the prospects of the university in general, and we feel sure that the opening in September will be favorable and enthusiastic.

Professor Lang, an alumnus of S. P. U. and a loyal A. T. O., has been elected to the chair of history, and has also been elected to the vice presidency of the institution. We feel justly proud of Lang, and we are sure that he will make good, for when he was a student he was an untiring worker for his school, as well as his fraternity. We are confident that he will lend a hand and help us push forward. In the absence of Reverend Hill he was called upon to deliver the baccalaureate sermon. His preparation was hurried, but he delivered a sermon which showed what George could do. The result was he "made a hit" with the boys at once.

An informal picnic was given by the sisters and friends of Tennessee Alpha Tau at Dunbar's cave. Several hours were spent in the cave exploring the mysterious caverns. Before leaving a large stone altar was erected by the brothers as a memorial of the visit and a reminder to visitors. A delightful luncheon was served after our exit from the cave. The whole affair was enjoyed by all.

Nearly all the brothers have signified their intentions of returning in the fall, and here is hoping that when all A. T. O.'s are called together in the fall, there will be a mighty army assembled to lift up the standards of the grand old frat.

A. BOSCH.

SEWANEE.

A brief glance backward over 1915-16 shows us a successful year. With an active chapter of seventeen men and only two departures during the year—Bamberg because of sickness and Paton to go into business—we have had a harmonious and stick-together bunch. There has been almost no friction and the chapter has improved in all things. We have had occasion to put our principles into practice and help the lagging brother, as well as occasion to rejoice over the success of our bright stars. In scholarship we have ranked well to the front. We have had the presidents of both literary societies, a class president, and have been well represented on publications and in athletics. In the chapter house we have installed electric lights and a new furnace and have paid all our debts. At the end of the year there was a deficit of \$30 in the exchequer which was quickly accounted for by each brother giving \$2. Thus we all departed for our summer vacation with light hearts and a clean slate. Five fellows are staying at Sewanee for the summer school and these have been joined by Hinman, who left us last year to go to Harvard. Before leaving this short review of the year it is necessary to say that our alumni have been our staunch supporters and it is due to their aid, financially and otherwise, that we have been able to make our strides forward.

At commencement the following brothers received the degree of Bachelor of Arts: George Ossman (Optime Merens), Herbert B. Morris (Optime Merens) and Bruce B. Lamond. Frederick Morris won the master's medal for Latin. On Sunday afternoon of commencement week we held our annual alumni smoker and it proved to be the best in years. We had with us "Ses" and "Billy" Cleveland, Bob Elliott, McKellar, Morton Morris and Woods (Tennessee Alpha Tau). The old boys had a great time and it was an inspiration to be with them. Bishop Gailor, Bishop Bratton and Craik Morris also visited us at commencement.

Since the last issue of the PALM we have initiated Charles Alexander Garland, of Montgomery, Alabama. Garland is a good student and an A. T. O. all the way through.

In the inter-fraternity tennis tournament Ellerbe and Garland won the championship for us, so that we now have two of the four cups offered for inter-fraternity contests. Harris has been elected track captain for next year and Schneider at an election by the student body was made business manager of the *Cap and Gown*, the college annual.

Some of the fraternities have been working in the Pan-Hellenic Council to change the present rushing rules. A motion that freshmen should not be pledged within three months after the opening of college was defeated, so that we still have our rule that pledging shall not take place until two weeks after the opening of college. Many experiments and changes have shown that this is the best system for Sewanee.

E. B. HARRIS.

TENNESSEE.

Tennessee Pi will lose only one man by graduation, James Ruffin Matthews. Scotty Cameron received his degree in law, but will return another year for post-graduate work.

This last year has been a very successful one. We have been well represented in all activities. "Red" Williams was elected captain of the baseball team for the coming year; John Muse won second honors in tennis; Robert Jones was elected business manager of the college annual, the *Volunteer*.

Every year the university gives a circus each fraternity makes an animal and does some kind of a stunt. This year we had as our stunt "The Big Show on the Midway," which won second honors. The success of this stunt was due mainly through the efforts of "Shorty" Edwards.

This year we planned a big dance near the close of school, but owing to examination and graduation exercises, we did not have it. Tennessee Pi enjoyed two banquets, the first one being given during the first semester. We are indeed grateful to the alumni for this banquet. The last banquet was given about the last of May.

We are proud to announce that for the coming year we have a larger and much finer house. This house is at 1501 Clinch Street. As this house is much larger than our former house, we intend to have meals in the house.

We expect to return fifteen men this year and we have two or three men already pledged, so the prospects for the coming year are very encouraging.

PAUL E. WALKER.

PROVINCE IX.

STANFORD.

Beta Psi starts rushing this fall with fifteen of her old men back. The season has been overshadowed by the death of J. Uhler Hastings, '17, who was killed in an accident while working this summer. He was a true Alpha Tau and his loss is keenly felt. Although handicapped by sorrow, we are putting forth our best efforts and the prospects are bright for a good freshman class in the house.

Otto Lachmund, '17, former Rugby star and "S" man in track, has returned to continue his law course. Ed. Taylor, '19, is with us again, having recovered from a period of illness. Henry W. Kingsbury, '19, is a new man transferred from Washington Gamma Pi.

Perry Holmes entertained the chapter and rushees at his home in Woodside. It was very successful.

P. D. Richards and Vosschauser have visited the house.

JOHN H. WALDO.

CALIFORNIA.

The long vacation period from May 12th to August 20th has been greatly enjoyed by all the brothers who have been scattered far and wide.

Under the able management of Thomas D. Kirwan, ex-'15, our chapter home was made the headquarters for some twenty men students attending the university summer session. Several of the Eastern and Middle West colleges were represented. "Stretch" Pratt, a Phi Gam from Washington and Lee, was the "star boarder." We find that it is very beneficial to the house to have it open during the vacation months.

The new semester will find us minus several brothers, not on account of scholarship records, however. G. H. Wendt and W. C. McIntosh leave us after graduating last May; while Paul B. Richards has transferred to Ann Arbor. Two brothers, James Conrado and Alfred W. Knight, think the business world should hold them for a year, but promise to be with us again after that period.

The class entering the university this August promises to be a large one, so we all anticipate a long and earnest rushing season.

HERBERT LANGHORNE.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL.

With the close of the college year in June, Alpha Sigma saw the finish of its first year of re-establishment and it proved to be a great year. We have come through the transition period from club life into fraternity life with, we believe, colors flying. Alpha Tau Omega has held its own among the Greeks at this institution.

In the spring sports two men have won their letters: Funk on the diamond and Anderson on the track. Funk was also senior honor man in commerce. George Houliston played a leading role in the senior play.

Politically Alpha Sigma has fared well for the coming year. Ben Rush, '17, will manage the *Barometer*; Paul von Schooley, '17, is next year's president of oratory and debate; Norval Carnie, '17, has been elected editor of the *Oregon Countryman* and is also commissioned to captain a cadet company for next year. Metzger, Kurtz and Russell are treasurers of the senior, junior and sophomore classes, respectively, for the coming year.

As the day of parting drew near the fellows were somewhat reluctant to leave behind them the friends they had made, and for the seniors who are never to return to take up further study or to again take up permanent residence in the chapter house, it was doubly hard. The men whom the chapter loses through graduation are Funk, Hamilton, Johnston, Van Couvering, Houliston and West. Oden has finished his P. G. work. We wish them all of the luck and success in the world and hope to hear from them frequently.

At the opening of the fall term twenty-five old men should return and with such a start the chapter expects to have a banner year.

NORVAL CRAIGIE CARNIE.

OREGON.

The forthcoming college year should be the best in the history of the chapter. Every man, with one possible exception, will return this fall; furthermore, all of the members of the class of 1916, five in number, will be located in the immediate vicinity of Eugene, and thus in a position to give the chapter much valuable aid and assistance. Prospects for new members of the right caliber have not been as good in years.

Kent Wilson, '17, varsity quarter-miler, is now with the medical department of the Third Oregon regiment in camp at Palm City, California. He will return, however, about October 1st.

Dick Nelson, '17, was elected captain of the varsity baseball team at the close of last season.

Basil Williams, '19, was kept off the varsity football and wrestling teams last season, only by reason of his being a freshman. This season he will be one of the varsity mainstays in these departments.

Ralph Hurn, '19, was pitcher on the freshman ball team last spring. He is sure of a berth on the regular squad next spring.

Ray Couch, '18, has been in the government forestry service this summer, with Charley Cronner, '18, as trainer, getting ready for the football season. Coach Bezdich expects him to hold down a position in the back-field.

Harry Hargrives, '18, high point winner in the inter-fraternity track meet last spring, in which A. T. O. and K. Z. tied for first place, will teach school this winter and return to college in February.

Leo A. Potter, '17, has been spending the summer in Spokane, Washington, working for the Universal Film Company.

The seventh annual banquet of the Oregon Gammi Phi chapter will be held this year at the Hotel Benson, Portland, Oregon, on September 9th, just preceding the opening of college on the 11th. This is the one big affair of each year to which all loyal A. T. O.'s look forward. At the meeting in 1913 there were present representatives from twenty-nine different chapters. This year the effectiveness of this get-together meeting will be greatly enhanced by the presence of the members of Oregon Alpha Sigma chapter, installed last February.

E. E. BROSIUS.

WASHINGTON STATE.

Though severely handicapped by the loss of seven men by graduation, Gamma Chi hopes to enjoy a most successful year. The senior brothers

whom we lost by graduation are Mark Brislawn, Lusker McCroskey, Harry Applequist, Kenneth Ramaley, Harold Simmonds, Edgar Schuneman and Harry Armstrong. Practically all the men not lost by graduation will return, assuring us a big bunch on hand early to help with the rushing.

In the student elections this spring, Paul Browder was elected president and Roy Bohler was elected to the students' athletic council.

During the interscholastic track meet we ran an open house, entertaining people from all parts of the state. A lawn fete and dance held on the night of the meet was a big success.

On the evening of May 20th we celebrated our fifth anniversary as Washington Gamma Chi, with a banquet. A very enjoyable evening was spent, which included speeches by the different brothers, reviewing the past, outlining the present and predicting the future of the chapter.

School opens September 19th and from present indications there will be a record enrollment.

JULIUS Z. HOLLMANN.

WASHINGTON.

At the commencement exercises degrees were conferred upon three Gamma Pi members. Bruce MacDougal received an LL. B degree, while that of pharmaceutical chemist was received by Carl Harris and Ray Gauss.

Among the eighteen pledges admitted into the university's chief honor society, the Oval Club, were Bryant MacDougal and Carrol Ebright. The former was elected editor of this semester's *Daily* at the recent spring elections. Ebright was coxswain of the crew which holds this year's championship of the Pacific Coast.

Mulvey, Stubb and Bryant MacDougal, three of Gamma Pi's most active men, are with the National Guard troops stationed at Calexico on the Mexican border.

With the exception of a few, nearly all of the chapter are working during the summer months. Gibb Spelger made an extended trip along the Alaska coast with his family.

Plans for a new house are being drawn at present. The house will be a brick colonial one, and when completed will cost about \$25,000.

Our annual house party was held during the middle of May, and was considered by every one present as measuring up to the standard established by our former parties.

MAURICE DUFFY.

PROVINCE X.

SOUTHERN.

On June 8th Beta Beta closed a most successful and pleasant year. Our success was not achieved on the athletic field alone, but in every phase of college life. Not every man can be an athlete, but for those who are not, there is a way for them to win fame for their fraternity. In the classroom, on the editorial staff, etc., Beta Beta's men perform their duty with credit to themselves and their fraternity. Therefore, we believe our success is due to the fact that every man has his place to fill, and in filling it he keeps the principles of Alpha Tau Omega ever before him.

Commencement at Southern this year was unusually lively. Our reception was one of the most enjoyable features of commencement week, and was pulled off in true Alpha Tau style. About seventy-five of our friends were present and all seemed to enjoy the evening very much. Several of our alumni returned and their home-coming was very helpful to our chapter.

Beta Beta lost only one man by graduation this year, Robinson. As he leaves our hall he has the best wishes of Beta Beta's men. All of our men but Robinson are expected to return. C. P. Storrs has been pledged and a "line" gotten on many of the freshmen who will come to Southern this fall. As the Pan-Hellenic rules have been established among the fraternities here, rushing will not begin until the first Monday in October.

Our men are scattered through the state, all having a pleasant vacation but looking forward to September when they will return to Southern to begin the year 1916-17, which promises to be so favorable to Alabama Beta Beta.

CHAS. H. OWENS, JR.

TULANE.

With the closing exercises of Tulane University in June, Louisiana Beta Epsilon's initiation into the mysteries of buying, financing and running a chapter house was concluded.

We have had many difficulties to surmount, not the least of which was a total lack of finances and a small chapter roll. For the past two years the chapter has been conscientiously working with a house as its goal, and finally we have achieved the desired results. The greatest amount of credit is due to our local alumni association, for without their loyal support and constant supervision it would indeed have been impossible for us to have accomplished the purchase of a house.

Fraternity conditions at Tulane are peculiar; in fact, they are most trying. We have endeavored to do our best under difficult circumstances, and believe we have succeeded; at any rate, we sincerely hope so.

All of the boys are pretty well scattered for the summer months, only a few remaining in New Orleans, the others being on the Gulf Coast or "somewhere on the Texas border." At present we are unable to give the final results of the fight for the scholastic cup, but at the last report Beta Epsilon was leading the thirteen fraternities at Tulane with a chapter average of approximately 83 per cent. Edward Rightor, an alumnus of Tulane and of Beta Epsilon, was elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks at their recent convention. To him we offer hearty congratulations for this great honor.

Stouse has been elected captain of the track team and McCutcheon is 1917 manager of the varsity football team.

We read with much interest Dean Clark's article, "The Chapter Letter," in the March *PALM*, and we thoroughly agree with him in his statement that the job of *PALM* correspondent is no sinecure. We realize our own inefficiency, but we are going to try mighty hard to follow the Dean's advice with regard to future *PALM* letters.

Province Chief Goeth's visits are a source of much pleasure and inspiration, and we are always glad to have him with us. To all Alpha Taus who happen to be in New Orleans, we offer the warm hospitality of our home. The latch is raised—walk in. NELVIL L. LE BEUF.

TEXAS.

The session of 1915-16 of the University of Texas enabled Texas Gamma Eta to progress steadily in scholarship until the chapter stood among the highest of the list arranged and compiled by the faculty committee on grades. The rule requiring fraternities to maintain a specific average has been in force over a year, but continues to be a matter of much dispute and speculation, rendering it exceedingly difficult for the chapters themselves to know just what they are accomplishing. But the faculty and fraternities are both agreed that the rule is a good one, and with certain modifications will no doubt continue. Since it was placed in operation fraternities have materially increased the school average. Thus another anti-fraternity argument has been knocked into a cocked hat.

Systematic rushing plans have been formulated for the coming session. Similar plans were adopted last year with great success, and we are anticipating no trouble in procuring the men we desire this fall. A number of alumni have signified their intention of assisting in the rushing.

The chapter house was open during the summer with five of the brothers present. Chesley M. Adams, of Dallas, made a brief visit, and J. A. Erhard came down and took out his license to practice law.

It will be of interest to all Alpha Taus to know that Texas Gamma Eta has two men on the border: P. V. Pennybacker, First Sergeant, Co. F, Second Texas Infantry, stationed at Roma, Texas, and Julian P.

Harrison, Corporal, Co. D, Third Infantry, stationed at Harlingen, Texas. All men who were called into service before the close of the university received credit for the work in the spring term.

Curtis De Ware and John A. Erhard, Jr., were initiated into Sigma Upsilon during the spring term.

Robert E. Cone, Ralph Miles and Lingo Platter were among the alumni present at the commencement exercises of the University of Texas. Worthy High Chancellor R. E. L. Saner was also present. This group was later joined by Jamie Nixon and William I. Sims, who visited for a while after the close of the university.

Gamma Eta graduated the following men in June: L. S. Savage, LL. B.; J. Woodall Rodgers, LL. B.; Clarence Campbell, LL. B.; R. H. Dale, C. E.; F. L. Christian, C. E., and C. P. Bradley, B. A. Robert H. Dale will return to do special work in the engineering department, and C. P. Bradley will return to take the course in law. The chapter will return quite a number of old men in September, together with a number of good undergraduates and pledges. Hence there is every reason to believe the approaching year will be even more prosperous and successful than the last year.

JOHN A. ERHARD, JR.

In Memoriam

DAVID A. WHITE.

(North Carolina Alpha Eta.)

Worthy Grand Scribe, 1894-96; 1900-02.

High Council, 1896-98.

Born February 10, 1859; Initiated 1881;

Died June 18, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

JAMES U. HASTINGS.

(California Beta Psi.)

Born July 25, 1893; Initiated 1913;

Died August 15, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

CARY H. CALLAWAY.

(Georgia Beta Iota.)

Died September 1, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

ANDREW SPRAFKA.

(Illinois Gamma Xi.)

Died June 16, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

ARTHUR BENJAMIN RILEY.

(Maine Gamma Alpha.)

Born February 28, 1895; Died July 11, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

RALPH WILLIAM YOUNG.

(Massachusetts Gamma Sigma.)

Died June 28, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

ROY FULLER.

(Vermont Beta Zeta.)

Died May, 1916.

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FREDERICK A. CHURCHILL, JR.

(Washington Gamma Pi.)

Born January 27, 1890; Initiated June 11, 1911;

Died August 16, 1916.

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DAVID A. WHITE.

Killed near Hawfields Church in an automobile accident in which three others were injured—pioneer furniture manufacturer—man of affairs—captain of industry—builder of business—leader in community enterprises—friend of the poor—booster of Mebane, his native village—lover of sport—enthusiast in educational and civic progress—zealous and devoted churchman—faithful friend—fond of the society of cultured women—confirmed old bachelor—talker who never tired—motor of energy—bundle of nerves—scrapper from boyhood—advocate and personification of co-operation—active foe of compromise—dreamer who realized—doer of things—helpful citizen—man of many parts—descendant of noble stock—spirit of lofty ideals—gentle man—Dave White.

Such were the suggestions flashed out to the press of the State Sunday night and Monday morning, when it was noised abroad that David A. White had been killed; McCoy Patton, Misses Mary Hooker and Margaret Darby had been injured in an auto wreck. But the story of a busy, useful life was only half told in the outline given the public. Nor can it be more than hinted at in these lines. It will have to be read through coming years in the absence of a familiar form; in the loss of a helpful personality; and the vacant place to be found when any interest of Mebane or her people may call for unswerving devotion.

It is not my purpose to picture Dave White as a perfect man. Yet he did possess, in no uncertain way, many of the elements of true man-

hood. Out of these very largely, either directly or indirectly, grew most of his apparent faults. A sketchy analysis, therefore, can barely give me my whole estimate of the man after six years of intimate association with him.

Descended from Revolutionary stock—Whites, Woods and Mebanes—he inherited their rugged type of character, often boasting of their achievements, and glorying in firmly upholding the splendid traditions of his race. He was never happier than when telling of incidents in the life of some man or woman born in, gone out from, or harking back to the old Hawfields settlement. Among these was “Deacon” White, of Brooklyn, so long well known and highly respected in national financial circles, and withal one of the quaintest types of character ever associated with Wall Street. The two men were much alike in many respects, and were fast friends for years. To speak with him of colonial days was certain to bring out the fact that he was a collateral descendant of Betsy Ross, of Philadelphia, who made the American flag. And he was just as ready to tell the weaknesses of the men from whom he descended.

His father was the late Stephen A. White; his mother was Miss Mary Jone Woods before her marriage. She still lives in Mebane. Three brothers and two sisters survive him: William E., S. Arthur and J. Sam, all of Mebane, and associated with him in business; Mrs. Charles Millender, of Asheville, and Mrs. W. A. Murray, of Mebane.

Dave White was never married. In that fact is one of the strangest circumstances connected with his life. Especially so, when it is remembered that he was a lover of home and home life; was a devoted admirer of true womanhood and of the individual woman portraying it in her life; was passionately fond of children, and was outspoken in the opinion that every worthy man should raise a family. The spirit of co-operation, which entirely possessed him, should have driven him into union with some woman able and willing to be a real helpmate. How toned and softened would have been his rough, and sometimes harsh, exterior if only he had felt, through all the passing years, the touch of a woman's hand that can reach and mold a noble piece of humanity into a man only when it is that of a tender, loving wife. It may be that his frail body, quick temper, nervous temperament and noble impulses in some mysterious way combined to make him feel unready to ask a woman to share his life. I know no other reason. What a loss to him and us that he felt so.

To tell the full story of Dave White's business would be to relate the beginning and development of most of the enterprises in Mebane. Few undertakings that have meant life and progress to the village of her people fail to show the impress of his hand at some point in their history. He was imbued with the spirit of co-operation well nigh completely. Always ready to help, he insisted that others help also. He seemed utterly to detest a shirk. Finding a man who appeared to be shifting

his burden or neglecting his work, or failing in his known duty was like touching a spark to powder in that it brought from him a bold and frank denunciation in private or in public, as the case might be, and in whatever interest might be at stake, whether it be business, political, civic, educational, social or religious. His greatest fault was here. In the hint just given was ground for its oft-repeated manifestation.

Many homes in Mebane are the result of the possibility of home-building efforts in which he was interested. Several business blocks adorn the streets of his native village as the result, in part, of his help. Business houses of many lines, especially those handling furniture, are to be found in several towns and cities of North Carolina claiming him as a stockholder. Farming lands and forests were numbered among his possessions, as well as building lots in this and other towns. But the great business interest of Dave White was that great plant, founded and directed by himself and brother Will, and in which others are now interested, known as the White Furniture Company.

Beginning in a small way nearly thirty-five years ago, these two brothers, joined later by two other brothers, Arthur and Sam, have built up a furniture plant with a present capital stock of \$300,000. From the employing of some half dozen men in the beginning, the plant has grown to using nearly 200, with a present payroll of approximately \$1,000 per week. From an output of a few sash, blinds and cheap pieces of furniture, the Whites have developed a factory which turns out such furniture as won for them the Gold Medal at the Jamestown Exposition, placed their products in Government quarters in Panama and various other stations, landed it in the rooms of such noted buildings as Grove Park Inn and the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A., is placing it in many of the leading hotels throughout the United States, and is sending it to the best dealers in this country and others. Dave White was, in fact as well as in name, general superintendent of the whole plant.

To know that practically all the men employed in this, the largest furniture plant in the South, are native, that many of them have been with the concern for years and years, that a large number of them own their own homes, and that a number of the most respected business men of this section have, at some time, worked for the Whites and are still their friends as shown in the fact that several of them started in independent business through the backing of the Whites, all goes to indicate the spirit of the great plant and the men who have made it what it is. It goes much further than any enumeration of details and incidents.

Dave White was practically a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church. He had served as ruling elder, clerk of the Session, church treasurer, superintendent of and teacher in the Sabbath school, had represented his church at various church courts, and when taken away was a member of the Presbyterial committee of the Bible cause. He loved his church. He took a special pride in the present beautiful little

church home of local Presbyterians, having been the practical man on the building committee and virtual overseer of the work of erecting the new church. But he was ever ready to help other churches, either of his own or another denomination, as evidenced in the fact that other churches in this community received his aid in being built, and at least one other church is supported in part by his contributions, and has been for years.

Dave White was a member of the A. T. O. Fraternity, and had served the organization as Worthy Grand Scribe for years, as well as having been a member of the national High Council. He had attended many of the national meetings, and was fond of telling his experiences and observations at these gatherings of congenials.

In addition to the foregoing, little needs to be said in order rightly to indicate the fact that Dave White was a useful citizen, also a real man. He was public-spirited almost to a fault. He was loyal to his community and her interests of every helpful sort. No needy person, cause or interest was ever turned empty-handed away, if he was appealed to in the right way.

Nothing he had was too good, nothing he could do was too much for his friends. But he did not pretend; the less he could have to do with those he did not admire the better he liked it.

I have been with him in trying moments; I have labored with him in several matters; I have talked with him on many subjects, and while we have often differed, sometimes almost to the breaking point, I have always found him a man of personal convictions, with an abiding faith in himself, moved by lofty ideals toward worthy ultimate ends, ever ready to "take off his hat" to the man who showed him some better way; I have found him loyal to his expressed ideas, and faithful in striving to accomplish his purposes also.

Summing up it may be said that his life, not in all its details, but in ideals and purposes as well as efforts and accomplishments, his life as a whole was cast in a large mold. Coming years will indicate more clearly that he was too big for the narrow confines and petty grind in which his life was so largely spent.

When asked to write this little appreciation, I asked the editor how many words, suggesting some 300, to which he replied, "Use a thousand or more, if necessary to do justice." I do not claim to have done full justice to the life and efforts and personality of my friend, colaborer in the church, companion on many occasions, David A. White, but I have truly indicated my estimate. He was a man.—F. M. Hawley in the Mebane (N. C.) *Leader*.

ANDREW SPRAFKA.

Andrew Sprafka, of Illinois Gamma Xi, died on June 16, 1916, from the effects of an appendicitis operation after gangrene had set in. He was graduated from Rush Medical College a year ago and had just started

in the practice of his profession. He was much beloved by the many friends he had, and he was a most loyal Alpha Tau.

ARTHUR BENJAMIN RILEY.

Arthur Benjamin Riley was born on the 28th of February, 1895, at Bridgton, Maine. He was educated in the common schools and high school of his native town, from which he was graduated with better than average rank. He entered Colby College in the fall of 1912, and immediately was pledged to become a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. During his entire course he was obliged to work his own way. His freshman year he rang the college bell. His sophomore year he became a partner in the college book store, which position he held until graduation. He was an immensely popular and prominent student. His sophomore year he was elected to the Mystics, the honorary society of that class, for which only twelve men are chosen each year. He was for two years an assistant editor of the college weekly, the *Echo*. In 1915 he was chosen for the team of the Murray prize debate, which is composed of the six men obtaining highest rank in public speaking, and was one of the three men who won the decision of the judges. The same year he served as one of the associate editors of the *Oracle*, the college annual. At the close of the year he was chosen from the board of associate editors as best qualified to fill the position of editor-in-chief for 1916.

If he was popular to the college as a whole, he was something infinitely more to his fraternity brothers. He was one of the best loved men of all his mates. Although always busy with his own struggle against obstacles which at times seemed almost insurmountable, he found time to discharge with credit the office of Worthy Keeper of Annals. His own cares never interfered with what he considered his social duties to the members of his chapter. During his junior year he suffered a terrible blow in the death of his mother. This seemed to have a profound effect upon his life. Added to this he had to bear the onerous duties of editor-in-chief of the *Oracle*. In spite of these burdens he never became embittered. To his friends he preserved the same genial, helpful nature, although it was apparent that he was far from happy. On his twenty-first birthday he was given a smoker by the members of his chapter, and presented with a gift as a token of its affection.

He was graduated from Colby with the degree of A. B. During commencement week he became engaged to a Miss Overend, of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Scarcely two weeks afterward his death occurred. He was staying at his fiancée's cottage on Long Lake, Bridgton. A boat became detached from the landing and floated out into the lake. Being an excellent swimmer and a great lover of that sport, he resolved to swim out for the boat, which was but a short distance from shore. On the way

he was seized with the cramps and sank immediately. His body was not recovered until four days later. The chapter could not be assembled en masse, but those members in the vicinity attended the funeral. The chapter sent a large floral emblem in the shape of a Maltese cross.

Thus passed out of this life a good man and true; a nature sweet and beloved; a character sterling in its worth. A man who had labored and lived and loved, who by his own efforts had achieved a preparation for life—who stood at its threshold, ready. In truth the mercies of God are inscrutable. We know our comrade's life has not been in vain. He has left behind a wealth of memories and thoughts, too sacred for penning, too sweet for forgetting. *Requiescat in pace.*

FREDERICK A. CHURCHILL, JR.

Frederick A. Churchill, Jr., a native son of Seattle, former student of the University of Washington and a publicist and writer of ability, died suddenly Wednesday night in New York City of infantile paralysis. The news was conveyed yesterday to his father, Dr. F. A. Churchill, by telegraph. Mr. Churchill was twenty-six years old.

Death came suddenly. Doctor and Mrs. Churchill received a letter from the young man Tuesday in which he complained of a slight attack of vertigo, caused, he said, by the intense heat. The telegram from the hospital superintendent announcing Mr. Churchill's death said that he had been under hospital care for so short a time that no certain diagnosis had been made of the disease from which he was suffering.

Later word came from Judge Burt J. Humphrey, a friend of Doctor Churchill's in the metropolis, that the young man had been stricken by infantile paralysis.

Mr. Churchill was affectionately known to his friends and associates as Fritz. This was his boyhood name and it clung to him in his later years. At the time of his death he was in charge of publicity for the Civic Orchestral Society, a musical organization of eighty-six pieces, of which Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, William Delevan Baldwin, Otto H. Kahn, James Byrne, Lillian D. Wald and other patrons of metropolitan music were supporters.

Of recent years Mr. Churchill had been a devoted lover and student of music. He came naturally by this taste. His mother was an accomplished instrumentalist. She was born in Germany, and before coming to America she studied music with Franz Liszt, the famous Hungarian pianist and composer. His paternal grandfather, the late Charles H. Churchill, a former professor in Oberlin University, was a skilled musician. In one of his recent letters Mr. Churchill has expressed great pleasure at hearing Galski in rehearsal with the Civic Orchestral Society.

He turned his attention in the East to writing librettos. Mr. Churchill

wrote the libretto and Carl Eppert the music for "Kaintuckee," which was accepted by the Standard Grand Opera Company for production in the fall.

His typewriter was rarely idle. He contributed an article, "The Story of Steel," to the current number of the *Nation's Business*, published by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America. The issue of this magazine reached the city this week. A number of his short stories have been accepted by magazines.

Mr. Churchill was born in the residence which is still occupied by the Churchill family January 17, 1890. His mother died when he was four years old. When he learned his letters he became an omnivorous reader for a small boy. At seven he had devoured both a prose and poetical translation of the "Iliad" and had put away childish stories for more mature works. He was an admirer of Keats, Carlyle and Shakespeare before he was out of knee pants.

He was graduated from the Broadway High School and entered the State University in 1908. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega, general fraternity; Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity, and the Oval Club, the junior-senior society. Starting work on the *University Daily* as photographer, he rose to be managing editor. He was editor of the *Washingtonian*, the literary magazine.

After leaving college he became editor of the *Week-End*, of Victoria, and later was associated with the staff of the *Town Crier*, of this city. A year ago last June he accepted a place as assistant associate editor of the *Iron Trade Review* at Cleveland. His ambition was to go into magazine or musical work in New York City, however, and he departed for the metropolis to try his fortune there. He was an intimate friend of Theo Karle, the Seattle tenor, and the two had planned to "bach" together the coming fall in New York City.

Mr. Churchill leaves his father, Doctor Churchill, and Mrs. Churchill; a sister, Mrs. Stanley Griffiths, of this city, and three uncles, Henry Blanke, of Battle Creek, Michigan; Prof. Alfred Churchill, of Smith College, and Edward Churchill, of Nevada.

The funeral will be held in Seattle. Announcement will be made later.—*Newspaper Clipping*.

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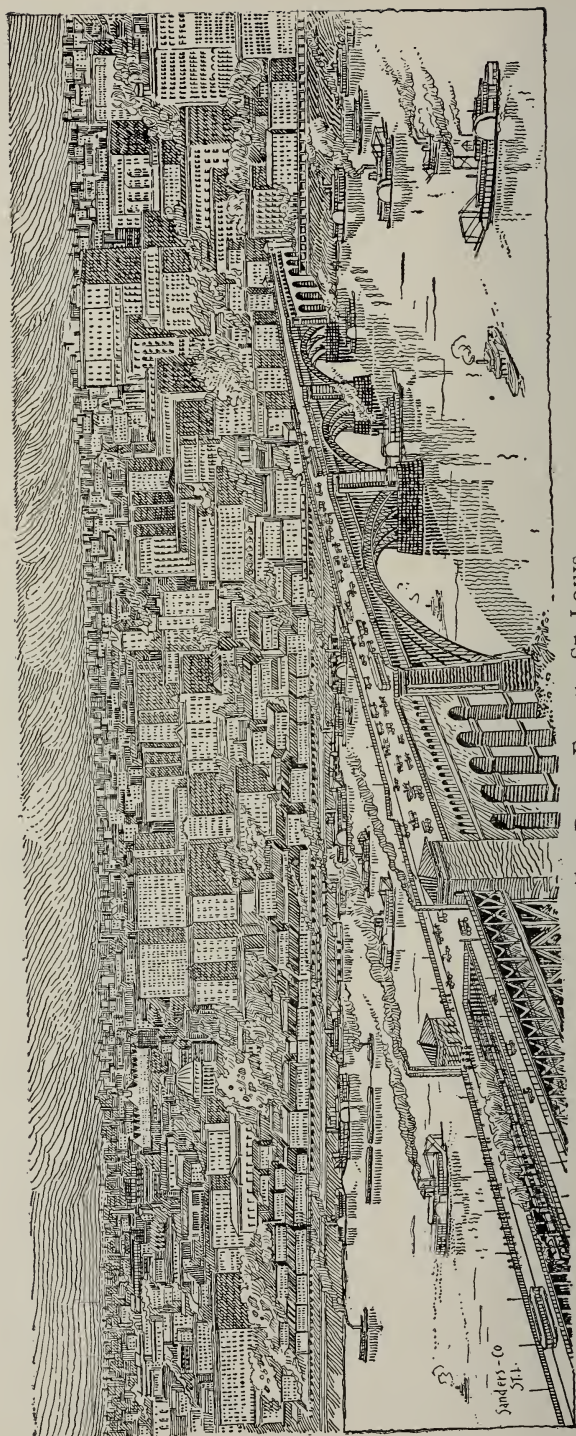
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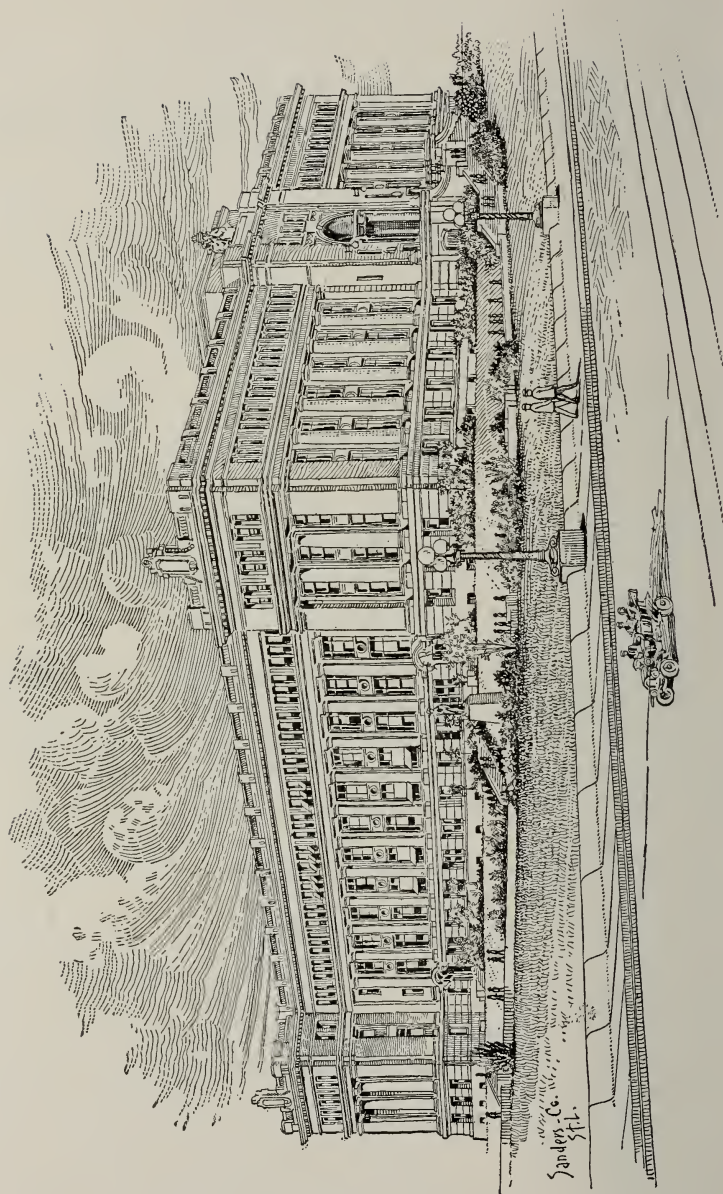
The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity will hold its twenty-fifth biennial Congress at St. Louis, Missouri, December 27 to 30, 1916.

This is the first time for the Fraternity to gather in Congress in St. Louis, and never before has it held a national convention in a city as far west as this. This, however, does not mean that St. Louis is an out-of-the-way place to hold a convention; but quite the reverse, for it is probably the nearest the center of A. T. O. population of all the important cities of the United States.

Alpha Tau Omega being of southern origin, first established itself firmly in the South; then it moved northward and eastward, and during the last fifteen or twenty years it has planted itself firmly in many of the splendid colleges and universities of the West; so that it is today truly one of the great national fraternities.

St. Louis being the gateway to the Southwest, and halfway between the East and the West, is surely an ideal city for an A. T. O. convention. Geographical location is only one of the many potent reasons for meeting in St. Louis. Two-fifths of the population of the United States live within five hundred miles of St. Louis, and the site of the city almost coincides with the center of population of the United States. More than one-third of the chapters are within a five-hundred-mile radius; and about the same proportion of the alumni associations.

While not depriving the East and South of easy access to the Congress, it presents to the middle and far West an opportunity that has never been presented before. Men whose voca-



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tions have not allowed them to make the long trip to attend Congress at distant points, will come to St. Louis in great numbers, since the Congress has moved nearer to them. No A. T. O. in this locality, especially, should fail to be present and very few will. We have provided for, we hope for, and we confidently expect, the largest number that ever attended a Congress.

Men of all ages will be present; men who piloted Alpha Tau Omega safely in the days when the nation was rent asunder by the hate and bloody strife of the civil war, when passion ruled and the brotherhood of mankind was almost forgotten. Men of a later day, who successfully planted the chapters of a southern fraternity in the northern and eastern colleges and universities; and again those who have gone out into the great West and found here also a fertile field for Alpha Tau Omega.

They will all be here to drink again at the fountain of youth, to meet old friends and make new ones.

An Alpha Tau Omega Congress is no longer an undergraduate affair alone, but a place to which graduates and undergraduates alike make these biennial pilgrimages.

The St. Louis Congress, the twenty-fifth, will mark the beginning of a new era in the annals of Alpha Tau Omega, the beginning of another fifty years of progress. Still clinging firmly to its basic principles, the foundation of its success, it has found it highly advisable for its own welfare and for the welfare of fraternities in general to change some of its laws and customs, and in this respect it is in the vanguard among the great fraternities of America. Much of this reform was wrought at the Nashville Congress, so that St. Louis will be the first Congress to operate under these new rules.

But let no one think that this is to detract in any way, for just the reverse it will add greatly to the welfare and enjoyment of all.

An extra amount of publicity, in the way of colored posters, pamphlets and circular letters, have been sent out to increase interest in the Congress.

Scores of Alpha Taus from all parts have assured us that they will be present. Plans are nearing perfection and you may

rest assured that every moment of your time will be filled with either business or pleasure.

The headquarters, the Planters Hotel, the best known of the middle West, offers the best of accommodations, and at reasonable rates. All business meetings and practically all social entertainments, including the public meeting, will take place here. There will be no loss of time in going from place to place for the meetings and social affairs.



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A large percentage, if not all, of those in attendance, will be taken care of at this same hotel, but you are urged to make early reservations in order to insure rooms at headquarters.

Our entertainment committee, headed by Clark Nixon, of Beta Epsilon, has been busy for weeks, and you may expect something unique in the way of entertainment as a result.

THE HOTEL.

The Planters will be the Congress hotel. It is one of the best hotels in the country and admirably adapted for meetings of this kind. It will provide excellent accommodations; all of the second floor has been reserved for the Congress and all the

different functions, including the public meeting, will take place in the hotel.

The Planters has made the following rates to all those who attend the Congress:

Rooms, one person, without bath, \$1.50 to \$2 a day.

Rooms, one person, with bath, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 a day.

Rooms, two persons, without bath, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each person a day.

Rooms, two persons, with bath, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3 each person a day.

Where more than two persons occupy one room \$1 additional will be charged for extra person.

Please observe the following rules: When you arrive at the hotel, go at once to the registration desk on the second floor and get Congress tickets, badges, etc.

It is highly advisable that rooms be secured early so that the Fraternity crowd may be put on the same floors. For reservations write direct to W. M. Walker, manager of the Planters.

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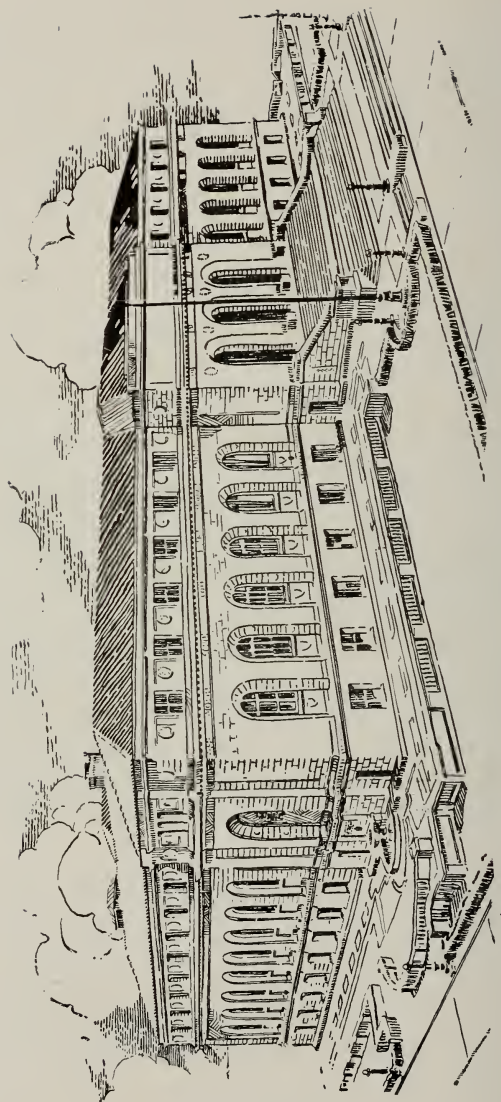
We cannot say at present whether any general reduced railroad rates will be granted, but it is understood that the usual reduced rate for parties of ten or more will prevail. Some roads grant holiday rates, so it is advisable to ask for these rates.

Ladies are invited and special entertainment will be provided for them. Please let us know if your wife will accompany you.

RECEPTION.

A special reception committee will be at all trains to meet delegates as they arrive, and all others who are to attend the Congress. The members of the committee will wear the fraternity colors on the lapel of their coats. Incoming members should display some mark of identification, as this will also facilitate getting acquainted on trains. Bring along college and fraternity pennants, etc., for decorations.

All visitors are to come direct to Union station, where the committee will be waiting to receive you. Let us know on what train you are to arrive. In regard to this matter correspond with Dr. Carrol Smith, Humboldt Building, St. Louis, Missouri, chairman of the committee on arrangements.



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In case you get lost ask the police to put you on the Laclede car going east, and get off at the doorstep of the Planters, Fourth and Pine.

THE ST. LOUIS ALUMNI CUP.

For the purpose of stimulating interest in this and future Congresses, and to create attendance rivalry among the chapters, the St. Louis Alumni Association offers a silver cup to the chapter making the best showing in mileage by the members from it in attendance at the Congress. The cup to be the property of the winning chapter when it will be again open to competition. The chapter that first wins it three times will become permanent owner.

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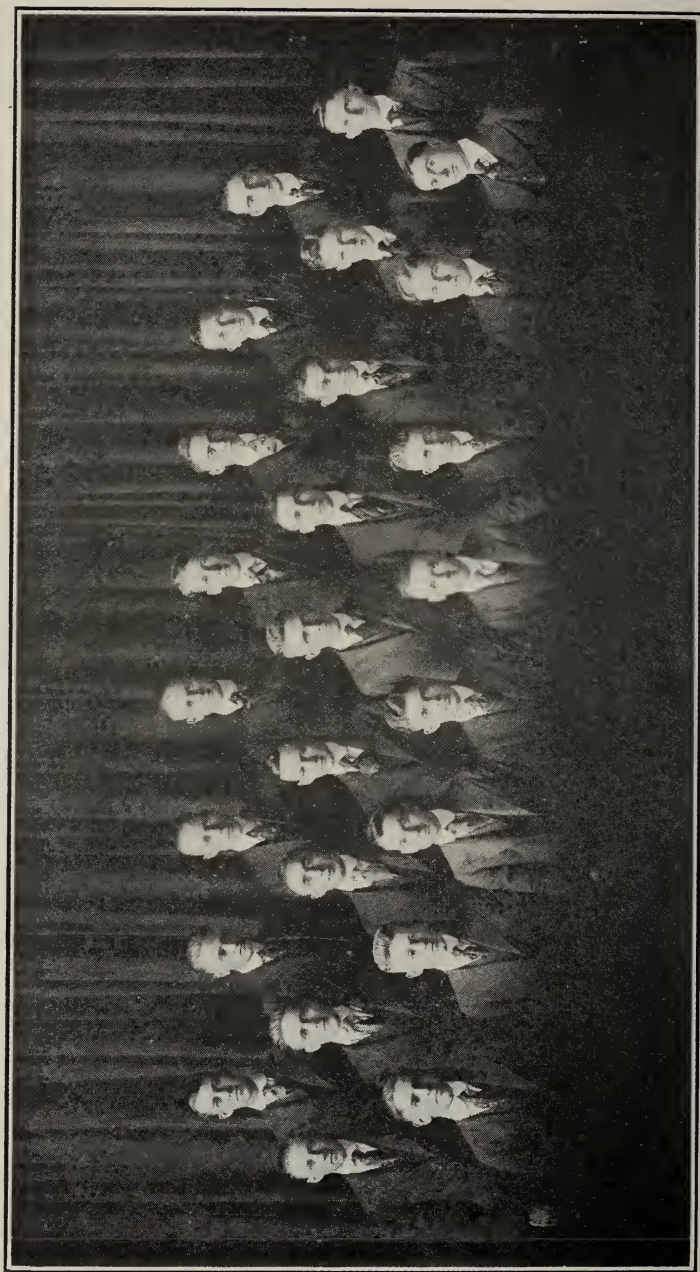
You will see some big stunts pulled off. To give you some idea of the size of these stunts, on the first night each person attending the Congress will be presented with \$1,000 and he will then be shown a place to spend it. The second night will be given up to some more real live stunts at the Future City Athletic Club. The third night, the big Congress banquet will be held at the Planters Hotel. The fourth night for the present is an open night, but entertainment will also be provided for this night in the meantime.

The St. Louis Alumni Association guarantees a good time to all who attend the twenty-fifth Congress of Alpha Tau Omega. In fact, it will be such a good time that old and young will make a firm resolution never to miss another A. T. O. Congress.

Not only will you enjoy the Congress, but you will also have the added pleasure of a visit to St. Louis. We have already told you of some of its attractive features in the September PALM; of its founding by the French under Laclede; of its growth and prosperity; of its giant industries; of its fine schools, colleges and universities; of its beautiful parks and public buildings, clubs and theatres; of the great father of waters in the most majestic part of its course, and above all, of its beautiful homes and cultured and hospitable people, who will welcome you at its gates in a spirit of genuine friendship.

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Chairman Publicity Committee.



ACTIVE HOSTS OF CONGRESS—MISSOURI

THE ACTIVE HOSTS OF CONGRESS.

The honor of being the active hosts of the twenty-fifth Congress is conferred upon the Missouri and Illinois chapters, both being about the same distance away from the Congress city.

It is not necessary to say that both chapters will certainly be represented by their entire roster of active members, besides large delegations of alumni. Nor need we add that together they will make things lively for the visitors. Missouri and Illinois are comparatively old chapters and therefore fully acquainted with the traditions that require certain duties in the way of entertainment and hospitality from the active hosts.

Sketches of the chapters follow:

MISSOURI.

Progress! That is the watchword that has been the goal of the Gamma Rho chapter, at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, since the chapter's inception, April 20, 1906. The young men piloting the fortunes of Gamma Rho were, first of all, progressive. They believed in progress with a capital C.

Golden C. Davis, of Springfield, Ohio, bears the honor of founding the Missouri chapter. After leaving Wittenberg College, where he was initiated into the Fraternity, Davis entered the University of Missouri. He saw that Alpha Tau Omega should be represented in this growing university. With twelve congenial fellow-spirits he formed the "Alpha Delta Club," in February, 1905. Under this banner were they to strive for the maltese cross and a charter in Alpha Tau Omega.

The first initiate, subsequent to the installation ceremonies, April, 1906, was Thomas Talmage Cook. Alpha Tau Omega at Missouri University was soon considered worthy of the noble name borne by the Fraternity nationally. During the fall rushing season, in September, 1906, eight young men were initiated.

Progressivism thrived in the years that followed. Plans for



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a new home, to be built and owned by the chapter, matured and an enthusiastic house-warming in the new home was held on the eve of the annual Missouri-Kansas game, November 20, 1913.

The chapter has expanded since and Gamma Rho now is prepared to take her place among the leaders of the Greek world in which she lives and moves.

Scholarship is one of the adjuncts to Gamma Rho's program of progress. The chapter is in a creditable position in the rank of the Missouri University fraternities. With scholarship as one of her planks the chapter must rise to a position of honor in society, in the university, and in the hearts of those who love the badge of the Fraternity and the principles which it symbolizes.

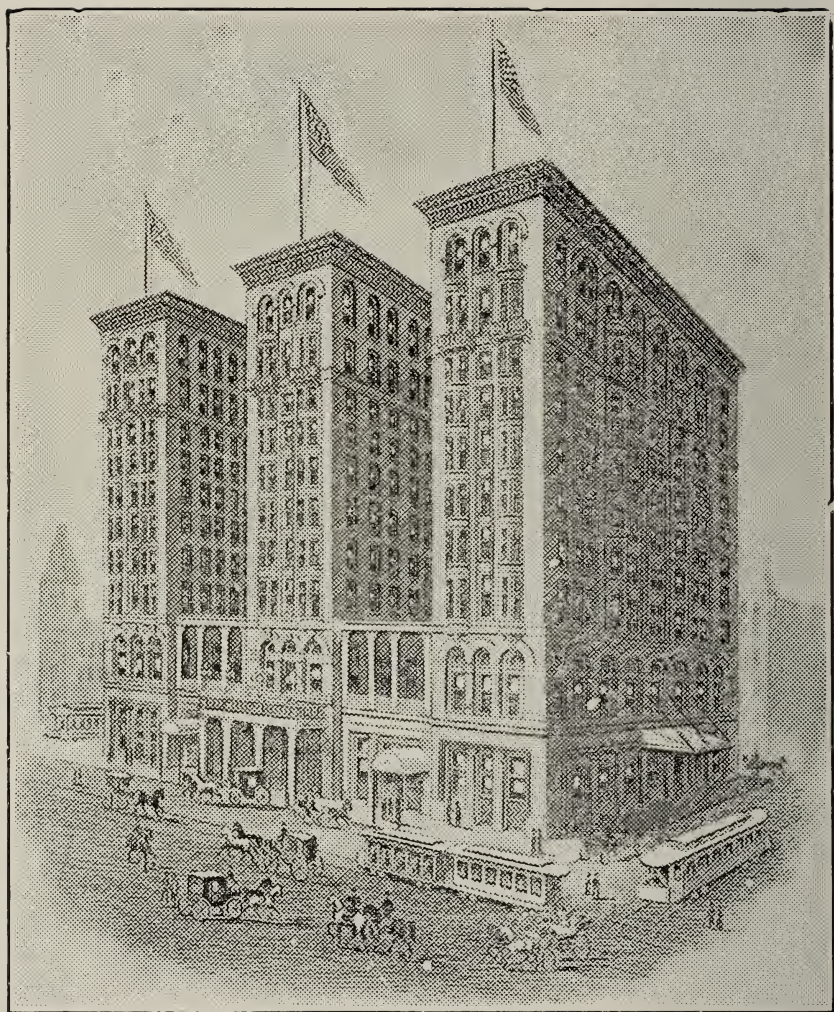
ILLINOIS.

Illinois Gamma Zeta was installed in 1895, and since that time has shown more progress, perhaps, than any other chapter at the University of Illinois. Several fraternities were represented there prior to the installation of Gamma Zeta, but the first of the big chapter houses to be built was the one at 405 John Street, the home of Alpha Tau Omega at Illinois.

During the twenty-one years of Gamma Zeta's existence she has had on her rolls many of the best men in school. She now points with pride to them as alumni. Every home-coming brings nearly a hundred of them back to the house—as large a representation as even the oldest chapters can boast of.

Gamma Zeta is fortunate in having eighteen brothers in the faculty. Three of them are deans. Every Alpha Tau knows of Thomas Arkle Clark, the dean of men in the university, and the Illinois chapter has the advantage of his counsel at any time.

Missouri Gamma Rho and Illinois Gamma Zeta are to share the responsibility of providing entertainment for the brothers who attend Congress. Any and all brothers in other chapters will be given a chance to assist in the entertainment. The two chapters are hard at work preparing a program, and this is an S. O. S. signal for all of the chapters to notify Gamma Rho or Gamma Zeta of any talent which will be available at St. Louis.



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THE BUSINESS OF THE CONGRESS.

The twenty-fifth Congress will be called upon to do something more than enjoy the generous hospitality of the St. Louis alumni and the active members of the Missouri and Illinois chapters. An immense amount of routine business confronts every Congress and in this respect the St. Louis meeting will be no exception. In addition, the Congress will be required to settle finally a number of questions of more or less vital importance which for some time have engaged the attention of the Fraternity.

Of course, it is altogether impossible to forecast accurately the matters upon which any Congress is likely to act. One can say in advance that a Congress will consider this and that item of unfinished business, but sometimes such consideration consists in merely receiving a report and laying it upon the table—in thorough accord with a whole array of perfectly good precedents which frown upon undue haste in legislative matters. Then, too, Congress has a habit of deciding very quickly a matter of first instance; that is to say, an entirely new proposition, not thought of as at all likely to receive the attention of a Congress, is quickly brought to a head and before one realizes it, is enacted into a law. Indeed, it is just these qualities, which, after all, are quite as typical of a Congress of Alpha Tau Omega as of any other deliberate assembly that makes its sessions so enjoyable. Nevertheless, we have always believed that delegates are better prepared to act if they possess advance information of the items of business that are probable to be subjects of discussion. To that end we propose to set forth a few of the questions that we imagine will consume some of the time and energies of the delegates.

By way of digression, it should be stated here, that delegates cannot have too much information about these matters. There are only two kinds of dangerous delegates. The first is the totally ignorant, the fellow who has been sent to Congress because of some qualification other than his intimate knowledge

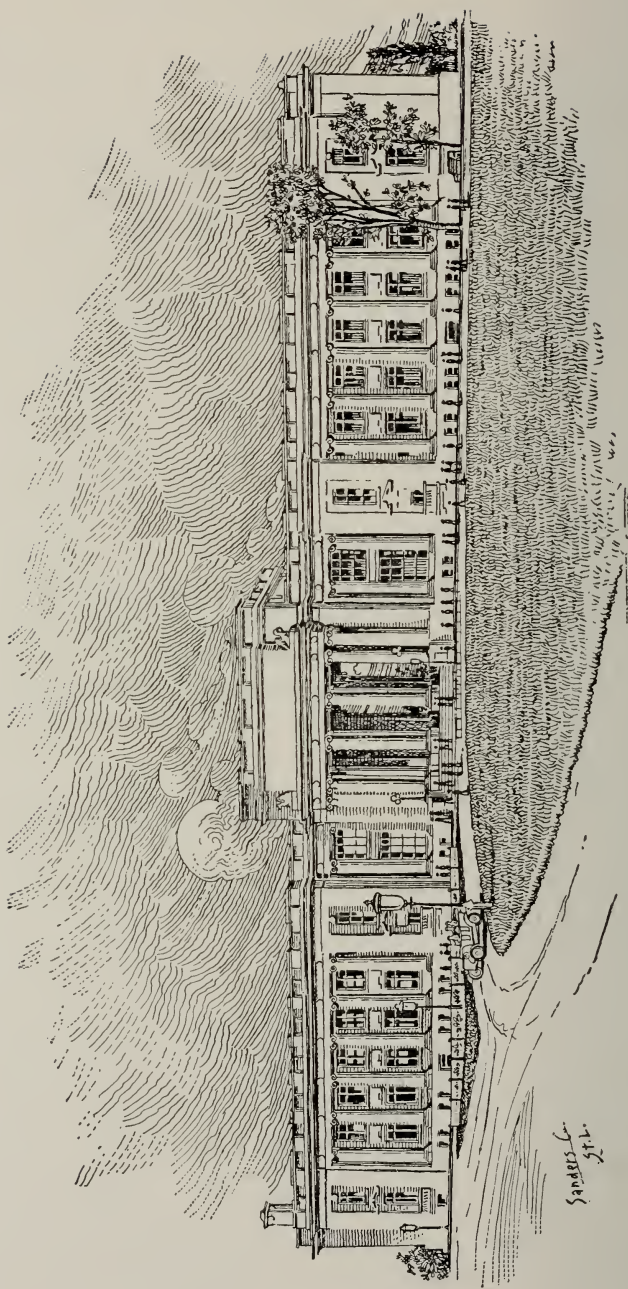
of the Fraternity and its work and its needs. The one consoling feature about such a delegate is that, because of his ignorance, he can do little real harm. The other type is the fellow who cannot or will not think about the Fraternity as a whole, whose mind is constantly centered about one chapter and its welfare. Congress is a national body and delegates must think nationally. The delegate who is concerned only about how specific legislation is going to affect his own chapter without thought as to the needs of the whole Fraternity can do incalculable damage. Congress needs men of wide horizon, men who know the history and traditions of Alpha Tau Omega, men who see its needs, men who have vision, and men who dare to do the things that the welfare of the Fraternity requires.

In this respect, indeed, Alpha Tau Omega has been singularly fortunate. In recent years, at least, the active chapters have, with few exceptions, sent as delegates men who would be a distinct credit to any deliberate assembly. Never was this so noticeable as at the Nashville Congress, where, as the *Journal of Proceedings* amply shows, the business of the meetings was very largely transacted by the active delegates. Which is not to say that the alumni had nothing to do or did nothing. The alumni, as ever, were present to aid and advise, but they found no reason for attempting to change the current of affairs so ably managed by the boys on the floor. All of which proves beyond all doubt that the young men who compose our undergraduate chapters are thinking seriously and intelligently of the things that appertain to the welfare of the Fraternity and are prepared by training and experience to get what they want in a perfect parliamentary manner. Indeed, if there is anywhere a crabbed old alumnus who imagines that nowadays college boys obtain no knowledge of the rules of order and no experience in the rough and tumble of debate, let him come to a Congress of Alpha Tau Omega. He will discover that the raw youths of twenty to twenty-four understand the game only too well. It may pay him to "cram up" on his knowledge of parliamentary law; otherwise some fine young fellow from Tufts, or Sewanee, or elsewhere, may bring him sharply to time with a well-placed, perfectly delivered point of order. At any rate, there is a splendid time in store for any

alumnus who attends the St. Louis Congress in merely watching the proceedings of the sessions.

Of course, alumni are expected to be more than mere spectators. We need hardly state that every alumnus—indeed, every member of the Fraternity, alumnus or active—has the privilege of the floor. Moreover, he is generally called upon to serve upon the more important committees so that the younger men may have the benefit of his advice and admonition. Alpha Tau Omega is in the second half century of its life. Some of the older alumni who for many years held the helm and kept the ship of state true to its course no longer attend these biennial gatherings. Founder Glazebrook, whose voice has always been as potent as it is eloquent, is in Jerusalem and cannot attend the Congress. His function and the function of his contemporaries has descended to a younger generation of Alpha Taus who are quite as loyal to the old traditions as were they, but who, like them, need the aid and assistance and co-operation of other alumni. Not that there is any real danger of Congress forgetting the ancient ideals, but that the very presence of alumni in itself engenders increased respect for and devotion to the things which for want of a more expressive word we are wont to call the traditions of the Fraternity.

But to return to our theme. Possibly, the gravest matter for the consideration of the Congress is the proposed revision of the constitution and laws. Alpha Tau Omega has not been given to the habit of "constitution tinkering" to any great degree. Its organic law, especially, has experienced very little substantial change. The first constitution was adopted by the Founders and remained in force, unchanged, until 1870, when the first Congress was convened. That Congress naturally made considerable changes in the constitution, for it was required then to provide for the machinery of a national governing body to take the place of the existing system of government by the "Mother chapter." But even so, the constitution of 1870 followed very closely the first constitution. This second constitution remained in force until 1878, when the famous Baltimore Congress of that year repealed it in its entirety and substituted in its stead the system of government we now employ. The constitution of 1878 wrought



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fundamental and wide-reaching changes, but the constitution makers of that day builded mighty well, for their structure has survived, unimpaired and unaltered in substance, to this very day. It is true that the Birmingham Congress of 1906 revised both the constitution and the laws, but the revision made absolutely no change in our system and method of administration and was limited practically to changes of verbiage, reconciling apparently contradictory sections and recognizing the province system as a permanent part of the scheme of government. Outside of this, the only vital change related to the manner of granting charters to chapters concerning which there had been considerable agitation for several years.

The Baltimore Congress set a wise precedent in this, that its action teaches that only a crisis in the life of the Fraternity warrants a change of the fundamental law. "Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes," and only the severest and most weighty circumstances impelled the members of the 1878 Congress to change—indeed, to revolutionize—our whole structure of law. This precedent should always guide our deliberations.

But the constitution of 1906 was not beyond criticism. Its language was verbose; in instances, contradictory and sometimes almost meaningless. Moreover, it included many matters which should not have been inserted in the organic law, but which were proper subjects for legislative action. Then, too, during the past decade certain sections were amended without amending other dependent sections, thereby introducing the horrid element of uncertainty. The law or ordinances were frequently hastily drawn during the progress of debate upon the floor of Congress and their meaning was sometimes so obscure that even the talented lawyers who have held the exalted office of Worthy High Chancellor encountered no little difficulty in interpreting and construing them. These considerations and others induced Worthy Grand Chief Giffin to recommend to the Nashville Congress the appointment of a committee of revision and such a committee was duly authorized.

The committee has held no less than two dozen meetings dur-

ing the biennium. These meetings were held at the writer's home, his office, at the home and in the office of the Worthy Grand Chief, on trains, steamboats—and even in the wilds of the Province of New Brunswick. The whole body of our law was carefully canvassed and studied. It was then carefully rewritten and just as carefully separated and segregated into two parts, the constitution and the laws. Every officer and all others who were at all interested were invited to make suggestions and these suggestions when approved were incorporated into the text. Then the whole was again rewritten. Indeed, some sections were revised as many as ten times. A tentative draft was then submitted to the officers and all parties in interest and further suggestions solicited. Finally, after two years of the most consistent effort, which is hardly disclosed by the finished product, the draft of the proposed constitution and laws was submitted to the chapters and is now subject to their tender mercies. The matter will then be up to the Congress.

It should be noted, in the first place, that no radical change has been made. The precedent of the Baltimore Congress was followed. Beyond providing that the Worthy Grand Scribe shall be the secretary of the High Council the scheme of government instituted in 1878 remains intact. But there are numerous changes of phraseology; many transfers of passages from the constitution to the laws and vice versa; some new provisions designed to meet new conditions and to guard against circumstances for which hitherto there was no legislation. Indeed, our law has now been entirely recast and restated, but without disturbing the ancient usages and customs.

In view of the time and effort required by the committee to do its work, it is not asking too much to ask the delegates to study very carefully the draft which has been submitted. Delegates should come to Congress prepared to act so that the sessions be not consumed with interminable debate and explanation of sections which are old and the meaning of which should be perfectly obvious. Of course, the constitution and laws must not be adopted without careful consideration of their full import, but much valuable time will be saved if the delegates possess in advance a fair working knowledge of the old and the proposed laws.

It was inevitable that a revision of the constitution should require a revision of the secret work. The one supplements the other. The secret work, however, seems never to have been subjected to treatment by the "constitution tinkers." Hence, because the secret work was not amended, as and when the constitution was changed, the two did not conform. The committee has likewise struggled with this problem and the two are now in thorough accord. At the same time the form of the secret work has been changed somewhat without doing violence to the substance. Alpha Taus are not inclined to take any liberties with stately and impressive ceremonials and secrets which have grown so dear to them in these four and more decades. The secret work, for obvious reasons, will not be submitted to the chapters in advance of the Congress, and delegates should carefully study the existing esoteric manual so as to recognize the changes therein desirable.

In line with these reports will be presented the report of a committee, likewise authorized by the Nashville Congress, recommending and providing distinctive baldrics for the Grand Officers and Province Chiefs. We violate no confidence when we state that the work of preparing this report has been almost entirely in the hands of that past master of emblems and symbols, and all the lore of heraldry, William C. Smiley, Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, whose design for a flag was unanimously adopted at Nashville. The fact that the new scheme of baldrics has his endorsement is sufficient warrant for its adoption.

A committee will report a system for the regular examination of active members upon matters pertaining to the Fraternity, its government, its laws, its history and the hundred and one points upon which an Alpha Tau should have exact and abundant knowledge. Fraternity men have long recognized and bemoaned the fact that nowadays the undergraduate is prone to classify his fraternity along with some of the other college activities in which he engages. Sometimes he knows his fraternity only as affording more convenient shelter and better food than the commons and the dormitories supply. The number and diversity of the so-called student activities has increased to such an extent that the fraternities are liable to become lost in the maze of the great



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"side-show," as President Wilson aptly called the collection. The remedy for this, it is believed, is a thorough system which will teach fraternity men the history of the Greek-letter college fraternity system, its aims and objects and the history of Alpha Tau Omega as well. It is believed that when men are once brought face to face with the fact that the fraternities possess something of real value to the undergraduate, worthy of his study, worthy of his emulation, a great deal of the effort now required to keep the alumnus interested in his fraternity can be diverted to other channels. It is confidently expected that the report of this committee, ratified by suitable legislation, will remedy the condition of which we speak.

But the undergraduate is not to be too harshly censured for his lack of knowledge of more than the merest outline of our history. Hitherto and even now he has had only slight opportunities to become acquainted with its details. It is indeed a crying shame that the splendid story of Alpha Tau Omega has not been written and published so that undergraduate and alumnus alike might fully realize what a glorious institution it has been. The Nashville Congress did make provision for the appointment of a historian. He is now at work, but a long period of time must yet elapse before a man who is engaged almost night and day in the practice of an exacting profession can complete the work of compiling and writing the authentic and comprehensive history so urgently required. The historian will present a report to the Congress which will show that great progress has been made. A vast amount of material has been collected and arranged in spite of many obstacles. But there are still vast stores of valuable material still unexplored which must be carefully canvassed, analyzed and compiled before the historian can compose one line of his book. Moreover, he must, somehow or other, secure the assistance and co-operation of the undergraduate chapters which until this time have been strangely wanting in interest. This it will be the duty of Congress to consider and, if possible, provide proper legislation.

The historian has discovered that very little real progress can be made unless and until the Fraternity is supplied with a new edition of the Official Register. The historian has, in this respect,

noted only what all other officers have felt for some time. Indeed, the whole Fraternity feels keenly the need of a new and revised directory. The last edition came from the press in 1911 and because of the numerous changes of address is practically of little service now. The St. Louis Congress will no doubt be asked to authorize a new edition and there should be no hesitancy in passing the required legislation. Fortunately, the annals have been put into excellent shape. The appropriation granted by the last Congress for that purpose has been spent to advantage and now the task of compiling an accurate official register, commenced years ago by that indefatigable worker, Joseph R. Anderson, and continued by the able and devoted Larkin W. Glazebrook, has been worthily completed by the present Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, William C. Smiley, with marked success. With the rolls of the chapters definitely completed, the work of compiling a directory is comparatively easy and there is no good reason why we should not now have a book like that edited by Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook in 1903. Until we are presented with just such a volume some other work must perforce remain unfinished.

These are the more important of the matters which will clamor for attention. The reports of the Worthy Grand Chief and the Chairman of the High Council, always suggestive and thoughtful, will undoubtedly add many more questions of moment. Then, too, the Province Chiefs always bring to the Congress a number of pertinent, well-digested, carefully considered recommendations. The delegates themselves increase the accumulation until one wonders how even the most energetic men can hope to solve all in the few short hours allowed for discussion and deliberation. We have not even touched upon scholarship, inter-fraternity relations, chapter discipline, chapter annals, chapter houses, badges and jewelry, the song book, finances, new chapters, election of officers, the PALM, conclaves, alumni associations, accounting systems, and a host of other topics, and yet all these will demand attention. It is bound to be a busy Congress and he who comes prepared to do business will enjoy it the most.

EARLY MEETINGS OF CONGRESS.

The season of the meeting of our Congress naturally causes one who is interested in our history to think of other meetings and, more especially, of those held in the Fraternity's formative days. Though the records of them are very meager, one can, with the use of a fairly active imagination, reconstruct the scenes with some degree of fidelity. Indeed, there is but one criticism that one can justly pass upon the "fathers" of the Fraternity and that relates to the paucity of the records they left behind them. They seem to have had an almost unholy hatred of pen and paper and much that would now be of great interest is, we fear, forever lost. A record, for instance, of that first meeting of Congress, reported in the same manner and with the same degree of completeness as the minutes of the Nashville Congress, would be a priceless heritage. As it is, the minutes of that memorable meeting comprise some ten pages of manuscript and from these we must secure our knowledge of its transactions. It is necessary, therefore, that this paper shall contain only a bare recital of some of the more noteworthy features of the earlier meetings of our national body.

Let us here emphasize a fact of some importance. Alpha Tau Omega was intended to be a national fraternity. In this respect it differs from many of its compeers. Many, in fact most, fraternities were founded as purely local societies, and expansion to other colleges was an after thought, a development of a policy conceived later than the foundation. Not so with Alpha Tau Omega. Founder Glazebrook's conception was of a national society with chapters at all the leading institutions of the North, South, East and West. But more,—and this is important to remember,—he had in mind a national organization governed by a grand or supreme executive head. He did not contemplate a society governed permanently by a mother or presiding chapter. This was in truth a new conception, almost



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a violent destruction of the existing notions of fraternity government. Every Greek-letter society then in existence was governed by a "mother" chapter, or by a "presiding" chapter. None were governed by a convention or by grand or supreme officers. It is true that some of the fraternities did hold conventions prior to 1865, but, beyond selecting the presiding chapters for the ensuing year, the conventions did little to govern the fraternities. The presiding or mother chapters were the real executive heads of the fraternities, and remained so for many years. Not until about the year 1880 did the fraternities undertake to change their systems of government and then the change was gradual and not uniform. But Doctor Glazebrook, in 1865, contemplated a convention of all the chapters, which convention should have all the powers (legislative, executive, judicial) of the Fraternity and should be authorized to select national officers who were to be charged with the duty of administering the affairs of the Fraternity between the sessions of the convention. In this respect Alpha Tau Omega differs from every other fraternity organized before 1865. *It was the first fraternity to adopt the centralized form of government as distinguished from the presiding chapter system.*

In this connection, allow us to pause and note the claim of another society to this distinction. Theta Delta Chi abolished the presiding chapter system and created a grand lodge in 1867. But Alpha Tau Omega created its grand or supreme body, the Congress, in 1865, although that body did not actually meet until 1870. The first constitution, adopted by the Founders, in 1865, provided that a convention of all the chapters should be held on July 4, 1870. The Congress was created, therefore, in 1865, and Alpha Tau Omega was, beyond all doubt, the first to adopt the system which has become so universal in these days. It is another indication that Doctor Glazebrook did not pattern Alpha Tau Omega after any existing body.

Of course, before the meeting of the first Congress; that is, during the first five years of its life, the Fraternity was governed by a "mother" chapter. Virginia Alpha at the Virginia Military Institute was the mother chapter, and pursuant to the constitution, it granted charters to other chapters and performed all other

functions of an executive head. In these five years it instituted eleven chapters, six collegiate and five community chapters.

With twelve chapters upon the rolls the first Congress convened at Lexington, Virginia, on July 5, 1870. Francis F. Smith, a son of General Francis H. Smith, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, and a brother-in-law of Founder Glazebrook, was then the Senior Grand Master (now called Worthy Master) of Virginia Alpha, and called the meeting to order. Before him were twenty-one delegates and visitors from eight of the chapters. It was a notable company. From the mother society came, as delegates, J. L. Ford and Richard Brooke. Ford was then a professor at the Virginia Military Institute and is now one of the leading merchants of St. Louis and will undoubtedly be at this year's Congress. Richard Brooke was then a student at the Institute, and afterward a professor, but has long since joined the Chapter Eternal. From Washington and Lee came Robert A. Waller, afterward one of Chicago's most prominent business men, and all his long and useful life a devoted and active Alpha Tau, and Frank Roane, one of the best beloved of the old alumni. The Union chapter intrusted its credentials to W. E. Baskette, and Virginia sent Frederick A. Berlin, a name as well known to this generation of Alpha Taus as to those of fifty years ago. E. C. McRady represented Roanoke. The Kentucky Military Institutes upplied Thomas G. Hayes, one of our most famous men, then a professor at that institution. The community chapter at Weston, West Virginia, sent William G. Bennett, one of the founders of the wonderfully successful chapter at Virginia, and the Columbia (Tennessee) community chapter sent Hugh Taylor Gordon.

Upon calling the Congress to order, Francis F. Smith "announced that he was instructed by the Mother Society to transfer into the hands of Congress the authority heretofore exercised and vested in them." A temporary organization followed and William G. Bennett was elected Senior Grand Master; Fred A. Berlin, Junior Grand Master; Frank Roane, Senior Grand Scribe; Richard Brooke, Junior Grand Scribe, and Thomas G. Hayes, Mighty Usher. The titles of the officers and their functions were similar to the officers of the chapters at that time.

Naturally, the important business before the Congress was the revision of the constitution so as to provide more effectually for the national organization now actually in being. Here, the master hand of Thomas G. Hayes, whose great and exciting term as Baltimore's reform Mayor is still remembered by a grateful people, is plainly discernible. Hardly had Congress opened when he offered a resolution providing for the revision of the organic law and he was the chairman of the committee to which was referred this arduous task. Although the minutes are consistently silent as to parliamentary details, one can imagine how earnestly the members must have debated the provisions of the proposed constitution, for this Congress was in session three times a day for three days. The constitution was finally adopted and became effective immediately. At the election which then ensued Hayes was elected Senior Grand Chief; Joseph R. Anderson, whose name was destined for a place among the Fraternity's "Immortals," was elected Junior Grand Chief. William G. Bennett and Fred A. Berlin were elected Chancellor and Vice Chancellor, respectively.

Up to this time the several chapters did not bear Greek titles. They were known either by the name of the college with which they were connected or by the town in which they were located. For instance, the chapter at the Virginia Military Institute was invariably called "the Mother Society"; that at Washington College (since become Washington and Lee) was called "Washington"; that at the Cumberland University was spoken of as the "Lebanon Chapter," and so on. The Congress gave each chapter a Greek name, giving the oldest chapter in each state the Greek letter "Alpha" and the second "Beta" and so down the alphabet.

Evidently, the Congress was not strongly impressed with the usefulness of the community chapters. The community chapter was not a new idea in the Greek-letter fraternity system. The oldest Greek fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, had chartered a large number of city or village chapters in Virginia and probably elsewhere. Beta Theta Pi and some few other fraternities had followed the example of Phi Beta Kappa. Alpha Tau Omega followed their leadership with splendid results. From our com-

munity chapters have come some of the best material ever acquired by the Fraternity. But the Congress of 1870 undoubtedly felt that membership should be restricted to college men and it abolished the community chapters.

After attending to a large program of routine business the first Congress adjourned after fixing Lexington, Kentucky, and the second Monday of July, 1874, as the place and time for the second meeting.

But before the year 1874 came along there was a loud and insistent call for a special meeting of Congress. Tennessee, then the home of the more aggressive element of the Fraternity, demanded a change of some of the constitutional provisions and suggested other reforms. The old minute book of the Cumberland University chapter contains the resolution presented by C. E. Waldron on November 24, 1871, which, when circulated among the chapters, became the basis for the call for the special meeting. Nashville was designated as the place and July 25, 1872, as the time for the meeting, and when that day arrived delegates from nine chapters were present, but not one of the officers.

Thomas G. Hayes had just commenced the practice of his profession in Baltimore and could spare neither the time, nor the funds to make the journey to Nashville. Joseph R. Anderson, the next in rank, started for the Congress, but at Wytheville, Virginia, was taken deathly sick and had to abandon the journey. Any one who knows Anderson can imagine the disappointment he suffered and how keenly anxious he must have been to have the Congress know the reasons for his absence. At almost the last moment he discovered that there dwelt in Wytheville a member of the Roanoke chapter. He sent for him—Benjamin W. Terry, son of the famous Confederate general—and supplied him with the necessary funds for the trip to Nashville. Thus Congress received the report of its beloved and faithful Junior Grand Chief.

In the absence of the officers, A. F. Whitman, of the Cumberland chapter, presided and Moyer Wicks, of the University of Nashville chapter, was the scribe. D. O. Thomas, of the Cumberland chapter, afterward one of the ablest lawyers at the Tennessee bar, stated the purposes of the special meeting, and the im-

portant business which called them together was started. Nine of the fourteen chapters were represented. The constitution was given a general overhauling. Community chapters were reinstated; Congress was authorized to meet biennially; the terms of the general officers were reduced to two years; a new officer known as Assistant Senior Grand Chief was created. A number of charters for new chapters were granted, but only a few of these were actually instituted. New officers were elected as follows: Senior Grand Chief, A. F. Whitman; Junior Grand Chief, Moses L. Wicks; Assistant Senior Grand Chief, R. W. Jones; High Chancellor, W. G. Bennett, and Vice Chancellor, Fred A. Berlin. The Congress adjourned to meet in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1874.

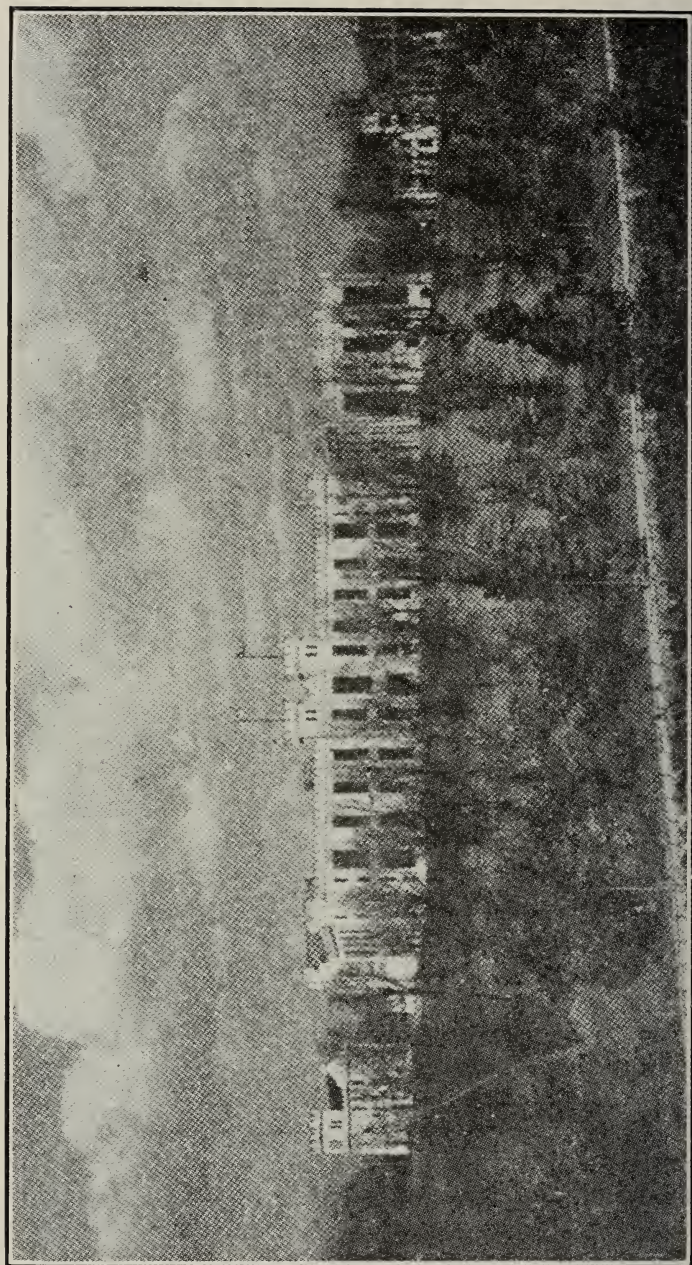
The third Congress convened at the time and place designated. In the absence of the Senior Grand Chief his assistant presided. Ten of the twenty-one chapters were represented. A vast amount of routine business was transacted, but none of it requires especial attention. R. W. Jones was elected Senior Grand Chief; B. F. Long, Junior Grand Chief; John S. Van Meter, Assistant to the Senior Grand Chief; J. H. Jamison, High Chancellor; C. S. Hart, Vice Chancellor.

And now came the "lean years" of Alpha Tau Omega. Came now a period of stagnation, of depression which threatened to destroy the Fraternity. The wheels of progress seemed to be clogged. It was a period that tried the souls of the men who were striving by might and main to stave off what seemed to be the inevitable finis. Other fraternities seem to have experienced similar conditions at about the same time. Perhaps the general business conditions of the country were reflected in the unfortunate state of affairs of the fraternities. Perhaps the South, where all of our chapters were then located, was just commencing to feel the full effect of the blundering reconstruction policy of the nation. Perhaps—but there is no use of theorizing. The fact remains that the Fraternity generally was in shoal waters and its destruction was imminent. Some of the chapters were indeed prosperous, but the tie which bound them to the national

organization was so exceedingly weak that they gave no heed to its needs nor to the admonitions of its officers. When the fourth Congress came together in the Masonic hall in Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1876, only four chapters out of twenty-one responded to the roll and, during the ensuing sessions, one of the four surrendered its charter. The Senior Grand Chief was again absent and B. F. Long, who was destined to become the co-adjudicator of the great leader of resuscitation, was elected presiding officer, with Walter H. Page, now the Ambassador to the Court of St. James, at the secretary's death. It was a meeting such as we had not before nor experienced since. Three delegates represented Alpha Tau Omega. The Fraternity was on its last legs. Surely, there was mighty little to encourage the three to go onward. Something must have occurred that stiffened their backbones and made them resolve to make another effort to save Alpha Tau Omega. We imagine that something that B. F. Long said must have enthused the delegates and the assembled visitors. The minutes throw very little light on the matter, but we know, nevertheless, that Long did make a speech in which he fully reviewed the infelicitous circumstances in which the Fraternity found itself and named a man whom he believed could be persuaded to save the Fraternity. That man was Joseph R. Anderson, who was not present at Congress, but who was unanimously and enthusiastically chosen as the Senior Grand Chief. B. F. Long was continued as Junior Grand Chief; T. Barker Williams was elected Assistant Senior Grand Chief; William H. Dudley was installed High Chancellor, and E. I. Renick as Vice Chancellor. It is worth noting that the last named was the partner of Woodrow Wilson during the year that Mr. Wilson practiced law in Atlanta.

B. F. Long was directed to write a letter to Anderson imploring him to accept the election. In due time there came to the "Second Founder," in his Richmond home, the imperious summons to action, and Anderson, not without fear and trembling, undertook the task. The rest is well-known history. Congress met again in Richmond in 1877, listened to the wonderful report of its Senior Grand Chief, and set in motion the machinery which

resulted in a new constitution, a new secret work, new cipher, indeed, a new fraternity, at the succeeding Congress at Baltimore in 1878. This Richmond Congress was the beginning of the new, a better day. Founder Glazebrook was there—the first Congress he had attended. For the first time the minutes refuse to be absurdly and profoundly prosaic. They tell of a banquet held at the close of the sessions and of the toast, “To our later Founder, the inaugurator of a new era in our Fraternity, Joseph R. Anderson, Jr.”

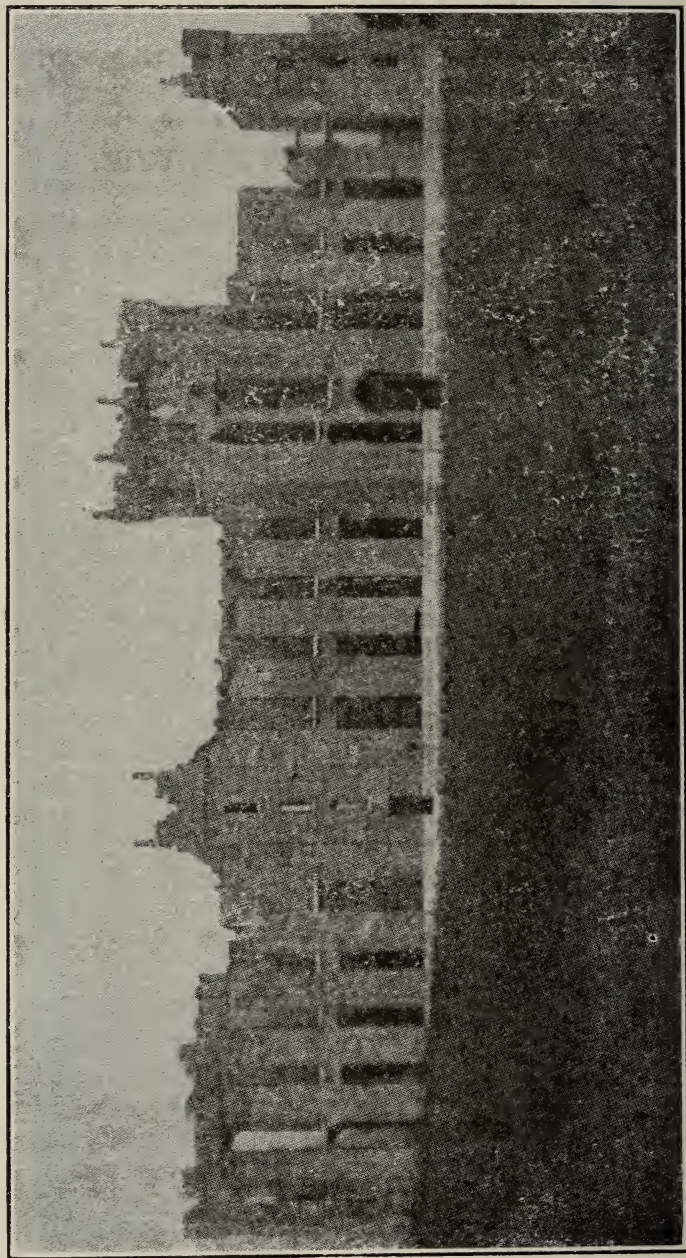


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To Alpha Tau Omega, the famous military institution of Lexington, Virginia, will always be of profound, not to say reverent, interest. There, the Fraternity first saw the light of day; there it was nurtured and sustained throughout the trying days of its infancy; there it received the inspiration which has successfully carried it forward for over five decades, past and beyond almost insurmountable obstacles, until now thousands of men gladly confess that it has been one of the most wholesome and beneficial influences of their lives. The Virginia Military Institute was indeed the birthplace of Alpha Tau Omega, though as a matter of fact the Fraternity was actually founded at Richmond at a time when the doors of the Institute were temporarily closed. But the spirit of the Institute was so deeply and so durably impressed upon the Fraternity that it is entirely proper to say that Alpha Tau Omega was born at Lexington. Certainly it is entirely true that throughout all these years of splendid achievement Alpha Tau Omega has carried with it to the uttermost parts of the world the fine, noble, dauntless, patriotic spirit of the Virginia Military Institute, and that, although the Fraternity has not had an undergraduate chapter at the Institute since 1881, Alpha Tau Omega is bound to the Virginia Military Institute by a bond of affection as true as steel and as durable as marble. It is our *alma mater* and the *alma mater* of every Alpha Tau.

We are therefore intensely interested in the book entitled, "The Virginia Military Institute," by Jennings C. Wise, which has lately come from the press of the J. P. Bell Company (Lynchburg, Virginia). Every Alpha Tau should read it, for every one of its five hundred pages are replete with the sort of information that is at once instructive and inspiring. The reader is sure to rise from his task a better Alpha Tau—and a better American. For now that fifty years separate us from the stirring scenes of the greatest fratricidal war of the ages and that direful event has



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come to be recognized as a common achievement in which both sides may rightfully glory, the story of the intimate connection between the Confederacy and the Institute is delightfully inspiring, even to the sons of the old North.

The Institute began its work in 1839. It was housed in the arsenal at Lexington. The arsenal was one of three erected at various points in Virginia wherein were stored some 60,000 stand of arms which the State had accumulated. To guard these arms Virginia maintained a diminutive "standing army" of three companies. The good people of Lexington seem not to have been too kindly disposed to the presence of armed forces in their midst and they set about to find some better use to which the arsenal might be put. A military school—a school wherein the fundamentals of a good education of almost collegiate rank under military discipline might be secured—was agitated and the Virginia legislature finally gave its sanction.

The Board of Visitors called as the first superintendent, Francis Henney Smith, a West Point graduate, a professor at Hampden-Sydney, one of the finest, courtliest, most perfect products of the Old Dominion. No better choice could have been made and for full fifty years he remained the head of the institution, during which period the honors of the whole country were repeatedly conferred upon him. Not the least of these was his selection as father-in-law to our Founder, Otis A. Glazebrook!

From then to 1860 the story is that of a small institution, growing constantly and steadily both in material resources and in the public favor. When its doors were first thrown open to the public twenty cadets presented themselves for instruction and for these two professors were provided. The following year there were thirty-one cadets and thus the Institute grew and prospered. Increased patronage required enlarged facilities and the legislature of Virginia, at last awakened to the usefulness of its creature, generously appropriated the funds for new buildings and new equipment. The faculty was expanded from time to time and thus there came one day to Lexington Thomas J. Jackson, destined for the plaudits of the whole world, as the professor of philosophy and artillery tactics. In the two decades from 1839 to 1860 fully 1,800 young men had passed through and departed from its portals.

All these years the threatening clouds of internecine strife hung thickly about the Institute, as all over the country. Compromise having failed, the South had little to look forward to except a renunciation of the Union and—war. The Institute realized the important part it would be called upon to play in any clash of the sections. As early as 1850 Judge Brockenbrough, while laying the corner stone of the new barracks, spoke feelingly of the war soon to come. Soon came the execution of John Brown, when the cadet corps, under command of Colonel Smith, were dispatched as guards. Then the war came speedily enough.

In that awful conflict the Institute bore a most distinguished part. Her alumni were represented in every rank and grade of the Confederate service and fourteen were in the Union army. The book which we are now reviewing contains exhaustive appendices prepared by none other than our own dear old Joseph R. Anderson, who is the official historiographer of the Institute, showing the contribution generously made to both the lost and triumphant cause. Nearly 94 per cent. of all the living ex-cadets served in the Confederate army! They held every rank from major general down to private. Two hundred and forty-nine lay down their lives upon the field of battle.

But the alumni were not alone in the contest. The cadets were summoned to action early in the war, and from its beginning to the end they rendered yeoman service. We find them engaged as drill masters of the slowly gathering army before Richmond; at the battle of McDowell a detachment of cadets under this same Jackson, now become "Stonewall" Jackson, received its baptism of fire; they act as a supporting column to Fitzhugh Lee; and their gallantry on the battlefield of New Market marked them as Fame's immortal sons.

The limits of these short views will not permit an exhaustive examination of the book before us as we should like to present to our readers. But we cannot leave the subject without referring again to the cadets at New Market. Our own Irving Bacheller has sung one of his sweetest poems in their praise and we of Alpha Tau Omega cannot read the roll of those who fought there so bravely without experiencing a new sense of exultation. There is the roll—279 boys! Of these, five were killed, four mortally

wounded and forty-eight wounded—twenty per cent. lost—and yet some authorities would contend that the “baby corps” was not in the very thickest of the fray. Among those 279 were seventeen who afterward became Alpha Taus. Let us call the roll. Of Company A answers E. M. Ross, first sergeant, and W. H. Butler, George Spiller, privates. In Company B First Corporal T. G. Hayes and privates W. G. Bennett, G. T. Lee, E. L. Turner respond. Company C furnishes Corporals H. H. Dinwiddie and J. G. James and privates J. A. Critchton and O. W. Overton. From Company D come Sergeant William Nelson; Corporals Otis A. Glazebrook and Alfred Marshall and privates F. T. Lee, E. M. Tutwiler and S. H. Fletcher. Blessed company of young heroes!

The Institute buildings were destroyed by General Hunter in 1864 and for a time the school was sheltered in the Richmond almshouse. But with the fall of that city in 1865 the cadets were dispersed. The following fall the Institute opened in Lexington in temporary quarters. Then there came into being Alpha Tau Omega. Some other day we must tell the story of the Institute from that day to this.

The Editor's Views

The St. Louis Congress is bound to be a notable event. The plans of our hosts give promise of a series of social entertainments that shall equal, if not excel, anything attempted in the past. The business of the Congress, of which a brief forecast is elsewhere presented, will make history for Alpha Tau Omega.

We trust that St. Louis will attract a large number of members who have had slight opportunity of attending prior meetings of the Congress. For years, the trend of expansion has been westward, but we have never met farther west than Chicago. At the time of the Chicago meeting we had not enrolled the splendid chapters at Chicago, Purdue, Washington, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Oregon, Washington State, Wyoming, Indiana and Ames. These newly acquired western men have presented in the twenty-fifth Congress their first convenient opportunity of really and truly knowing Alpha Tau Omega. We shall be bitterly disappointed if they do not avail themselves of the privilege thus extended in numbers large enough to convince the Fraternity that it decided wisely to convene in the trans-Mississippi country. We fear that unless there is a large attendance from this section of the country the hopes of Denver and other western cities to entertain future meetings will be rudely shattered.

A man may be a good Alpha Tau although he has never attended a national convention. But he will never be a full-rounded Alpha Tau. He will miss something in his fraternity experience that nothing else can supply. There is something about a Congress of Alpha Tau Omega which impresses itself even upon strangers. There is a spirit, indescribable, ineffable, but real nevertheless, that seems to permeate the whole gathering, making every one see his Fraternity in a new light. Certainly, the man who has been taught to believe that his fraternity was founded at the close of the greatest war his country has known

for the purpose of forging new bonds of affection between the sections so lately in arms against each other, is presented with visual demonstration of the efficacy of its endeavors when he hears "Dixie" sung by the New England province and the whole assembly joining in the boisterous, blood-curdling "rebel yell." If he comes away impressed by nothing else, he will at least affirm that no other gathering which he has attended has shown a greater degree of patriotism, a finer example of a reunited nation, a better demonstration of a greater Union in spirit and in fact. But he will learn a vast deal more. He will learn that his fraternity is doing things that even his wildest dreams did not conjure for him. He will find a group of serious-minded men who are constantly planning, doing, achieving great and big things for the college men of America and more especially for those of Alpha Tau Omega. He will see a side of Alpha Tau Omega never shown at his chapter house or at his province conclave. He will realize that to know Alpha Tau Omega he must know its Congress.

This knowledge our western brothers need. We should not say that they need it more than the members of any other section. But the men of the East and the South have availed themselves of many chances of seeing Congress at work and they have been correspondingly impressed thereby. Expansion into the far western field was achieved only by vigorous endeavor on the part of a small group of zealous men. There was a powerful opposition to the western chapters. A certain element, whose loyalty to Alpha Tau Omega and whose desire to advance her welfare could not be questioned, feared the day when Alpha Tau Omega should cross the Mississippi and place a number of chapters there. Two or three prior experiments had not been successful. In one instance, a chapter died of isolation. In another the chapter gradually found itself out of harmony with the ideals and purposes of Alpha Tau Omega. Small wonder, then, that the opposition felt that occupation of the far western field would introduce an element into the Fraternity that was not in entire accord with that group of notions and ideas which have come to be called "the traditions of the Fraternity." Of course, the evils these men feared did not come to pass. There is no more loyal, no more aggressive, no healthier element in all Alpha Tau Omega

thanth at which lives in the wild and wooly West. But the West needs, just as the South and East has needed, the enthusiasm always inspired by Congress. It needs to partake of the fine spirit always engendered by our great national meetings. It needs the close contact with the older alumni which must create a new respect for them and their services and greater love for their common fraternity.

And the East and the South must come to St. Louis. They must learn to know their western brothers. For years, they have been hearing their marvelous tales of mighty works achieved in this new country for the glory of Alpha Tau Omega and they must meet these vigorous, loyal men face to face. The Fraternity is not ignorant of the fine body of young men given to it by Wilson and Van Brundt and Van der Vries, and Lyon, and Davis and Drake,—all of them pioneers along the frontier,—but it should know them. Said Founder Glazebrook, years ago, "My brothers, know one another and you will love each other."

So St. Louis will be the meeting ground of the Old and the New. The East and the South, rightfully proud of a long series of years of brilliant success, will greet the West, where a decade of glorious deeds presages a still more dazzling future. Here may they together plan for the years to come when Alpha Tau Omega shall become still more useful, more prosperous and still more entitled to the love and veneration of its members and the world.



The opportunity to serve Alpha Tau Omega in high official place necessarily comes to very few men. It is an exalted privilege which none may seek and which few of those who are chosen can escape. Always it is a call to duty which can hardly be resisted. Yet there are other demands which in justice to self, family and the future must likewise be heeded. Thus, there inevitably results a serious conflict between the desire to serve and the duty to conserve. When, therefore, the account is cast the time and energy devoted to the Fraternity constitute a true sacrifice of other interests and ambitions. And by that token

that service becomes the sweeter, the more fascinating, the more consecrated.

There are today at least a score of men who are serving Alpha Tau Omega at immense sacrifices of time and money and health. They do not count the cost. They do not complain. They refuse to be told of the price they are paying for the opportunity to serve. They go to their appointed tasks with songs upon their lips and with joy in their hearts. They are efficient, devoted, able servants who are rendering fond benefits of a quantity and quality which money cannot buy. They are giving Alpha Tau Omega freely, unreservedly, talents which if employed in the direction of their own work and professions, would yield large pecuniary returns. But would such yields, ample though they be, bring with them the sweet quality of true happiness that always comes with the doing of that which is truly congenial and which involves a sacrifice of some kind?

Yet there comes to them, as to all men engaged in the labors of love, the fearful temptation to withdraw from all unlucrative practices and to devote assiduously all available time and strength to purely selfish ends. Some few men yield without a qualm. Others surrender, but they soon regret the step which has severed a connection with the haunts of real pleasure. Still others—and in these fifty years they have numbered a legion—view the templed cities from the mountain top, contemplate the rewards to be there secured, and then calmly, quietly, unostentatiously put the temptation behind them. They have made their choice and with new hope and greater happiness they return to their labors for the cause. Such men pay a price measurable, perhaps, in the very terms of gold, but they gain in turn an infinite measure of bliss which only the abnegative soul may know.

Sacrifice is its own best reward. It purchases happiness. Beyond that, they of whom we speak have no cravings. Sometimes men are moved to appreciation of such unstinted service of heart, mind and hand, and they turn to the world-old manner of man in manifesting their gratitude. They applaud the servant; they pass prettily worded resolutions of thanks; they praise him with generous speech in the public places; they shower him with diamond-adorned badges and with all the regalia of

sincere adulation. These ease the pathway, but they are not the compensation. The real compensation is the consciousness of duty well performed and the knowledge of the loving sacrifice it entails.

Yet again, infrequently enough, there is a strange lack of appreciation. Carping critics snarl at the heel of the servant; his purest motives are questioned; his plans are frustrated by those who do not comprehend his vision; his best works are destroyed by those who have no sympathy with him. The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune fall full upon him. But these are a part of the burden to be carried even through the heat of the day. They may discourage him. They may wound him. They may require him to cry aloud for mercy. But they do not stop him; they do not alter his course; they do not cause the faithful servant to render less than the full measure of fidelity. For, it is a part of the task to be misunderstood, to be misjudged, to be misrepresented. It is a portion of the price the servant pays for the privilege of serving; it is part of the sacrifice.

This explains the mystery of it all. Men who do not clearly perceive these things say in the language of their earthly wisdom, "How impractical he is! What a largess of funds he might accumulate if he would put away these children's toys and devote his talents to the serious business of life." And so he might. But would he find in the busy marts of contending men, in the hives of industry where mere wealth is manufactured and distributed, in the unceasing, relentless, cruel striving for material gain the sweet solace, the blessed triumphs, the great happiness that his service of sacrifice brings to him? If his soul is tuned to the cause must he not follow the cause? If his sense of happiness requires that he engage in this service of sacrifice can he not afford to be impractical?



We note that certain of our fellow Greek editors are finding fault with the recent edition of *Baird's Manual*. We cannot share their complaints. The latest edition is pre-eminently fair to Alpha Tau Omega. It does not contain all that we should like to have stated concerning us, but it contains very few errors and

these few are very natural ones. We desire to say here that we read Mr. Baird's account of our Fraternity with gratification and we return to him our thanks for his very generous treatment of our claims.

Moreover, we opine that if our Greek neighbors will only examine themselves they, too, will find very little that can be made the subject of serious criticism. We know that Mr. Baird is scrupulously careful in the preparation of his book. Every effort is made to reduce the number of errors to an infinite minimum. But it is inevitable that in a book of such size as the manual has become, with so many facts to gather from so many different sources, errors should creep into the book. It would not be a human performance if it were otherwise.

But the effort made in some quarters to convict Mr. Baird of willful mistatements, omissions, under-valuations, and what not, will receive no encouragement from those who best know the kind, courteous gentleman who has devoted so many years of a long and successful life to the Greek cause. Before rushing their criticisms to the printer it might be wise for some of our neighbors to reflect that possibly Mr. Baird knows almost as much of their fraternities as they themselves know. Mr. Baird was compiling manuals before many of us who now wield Greek blue pencils were born. He has seen fraternities come and go. He has witnessed their vain strivings, their frustrated ambitions, their periods of deep depression, their eras of great success. He knows the Greek world more intimately than any other living man—indeed, better than any man at any time ever knew it. He has amassed a larger Greek fraternity library than any other individual or fraternity or corporation. He has read more widely than any single individual and perhaps as much as Palmer and Rogers and Hulley and the rest of us put together. The man is the recognized authority of Greek fraternity lore the world over. America compiles an encyclopedia and Mr. Baird is asked to write the article on the Greek fraternity. England published a new edition of her famous *Britannica*, and although she confines her editors largely to her own subjects, yet she sends to America and to Mr. Baird for his article. Now a man of such standing and character should be free at least from the imputation of willful mistatements or intentional distortion of facts.

The theory seems to be that Mr. Baird has marked certain fraternities upon which he may vent his spleen. These fraternities tell us that he will not publish the facts as they supply them. Undoubtedly he refuses and rightfully so. After all, it is his book and he has the undeniable right to include in it whatever suits his fancy. But he would be a foolish man if he seriously expected to sell a book compounded of a thin tissue of untruths or half truths. Therefore, that his book may be accurate, comprehensive, truthful and salable, he conscientiously endeavors to include every well-established fact. If he omits a fact one may feel assured that either he does not regard it of sufficient consequence to occupy the space required for its inclusion or that he has serious doubts of its truthfulness. And as to the latter we suspect that Mr. Baird has considerable difficulty with those who are trying to put something over on him, and that his wide and accurate knowledge of every fraternity saves him from many a pitfall. No doubt the fraternity which claims birth in 1846 feels considerably upset when Mr. Baird assigns the year 1907 as the true date of its arrival on this mundane sphere, but most of us are quite willing to take the word of Mr. Baird, reinforced as it is by his extensive knowledge, in preference to that of the ambitious young men who are now engaged in finding fault with Mr. Baird and his manual.

It is suggested that Mr. Baird's book is naught else but a good Beta Theta Pi rushing document. In the sense that the article concerning his own fraternity occupies more space than that of many other fraternities the indictment is true. But Mr. Baird is himself a Beta and it is only natural and human that he should be able to write more fully concerning Beta Theta Pi than of any other fraternity. No one can point to a single sentence in the article which exalts Beta Theta Pi above its rivals. Even so, is it not time that some of us begin to realize that as things now stand and have stood for two decades Beta Theta Pi is entitled by right to the respect and admiration of her compeers? Founded in 1848, after Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi, Delta Phi, Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon, she has outstripped each one of these. Founded in the West, she has more chapters in the East than any eastern society, and was firmly established in the South before some of the southern fraternities were founded. She ranks

first in number of members, fourth in number of chapters, second in the number of chapter houses owned. Her list of prominent alumni is correspondingly large. Only a man lacking in candor would asseverate, against such a showing, a lack of title to a fair portion of the space of the manual. At that, her article consumes twenty pages which number is likewise devoted to Phi Delta Theta, in many respects, her closest rival. Certainly, there is no indication there of a desire to exalt Beta Theta Pi unduly over her rivals.

If any man supposes that Mr. Baird has so blinded himself to the imperfections of Beta Theta Pi, and that he is not a fit editor of a general fraternity manual, he knows not whereof he speaks. No one has more fearlessly criticised Beta Theta Pi than Mr. Baird. His Beta Theta Pi *Handbook* and his editorials in his own magazine show the qualities of the impartial judge—"his spear knows no brother." Moreover, if he desired to present a good showing for Beta Theta Pi he might expunge all reference to the non-collegiate chapter of his fraternity at Cincinnati just as Kappa Sigma and some other fraternities have. There are fraternities which, because of some fancied idea of the proprieties, will not confess their little indiscretions in that direction and the very fact that Mr. Baird has boldly acknowledged it for Beta Theta Pi suggests that some of his critics remove a fair-sized beam from their eyes.

But we are not so sure that Mr. Baird requires a defense at our hands. Other hands could do it more effectually. But it has been a pleasure to state these, the views of Alpha Tau Omega, which, though many years have intervened, gratefully remembers that the first real assistance that came to her in her ambition to find homes in the North was generously extended by one who knew neither border, nor breed, nor birth—William R. Baird, of Beta Theta Pi.



After all, let us not forget that a fraternity is a *fraternity*. In these modern days when college authorities are more and more delegating their powers of discipline and supervision to the fraternities; when chapters are erecting houses more akin to city hotels than to the usual type of home from which their occupants

come; when the houses have been suffered to become places largely dedicated to the function of merely feeding and lodging a certain number of culture-seeking youths with a retinue of servants and a choice array of attendant flunkies; when national officers are constantly beseeched to make it their sole concern to promote the intellectual salvation of their younger brothers; when even an inter-fraternity conference devotes most of its time to the consideration of the mere superficial, external and incidental features of a great system;—let us not forget that the fraternities, the system, grew out of the spirit of *fraternity*, out of the desire for more *fraternity*.

The true life of a fraternity is in its spirit. The mere letter killeth. Chapter houses do not constitute a fraternity any more than a Coney Island hotel is the Pantheon. Laws, rules, titles, offices, committees and the interminable red tape of mere organization do not constitute a fraternity. Tutors, grades, high averages, exalted intellectual achievements, scholastic distinctions and the newfangled notion of efficiency—a virtue which in some quarters is exalted above all others—do not constitute a fraternity. A body of men may have all these things in great abundance and yet it is not a fraternity. Unless there be joined with these and developed along with them, that fine, sweet spirit of love among men there can be no fraternity.

Now, the fraternities were founded for no lesser purpose than for the development of the spirit of fraternity. The rest are mere incidentals that have come along in the course of the years and like parasites attached themselves to the organizations. The tendency now is for the organization to take on the character of the parasite instead of remaining true to itself. Thus, in seeking to emphasize the need for decent scholarship are we not coming dangerously near to the point when the fraternities shall be mere annexes to the colleges, something like the colleges of the English universities? In our mad ambition for commodious chapter houses are we not surely approaching the point where the distinction between a well-organized eating club and a true college fraternity will be utterly lost? With our relentless striving for efficiency shall we not produce forgetfulness of the primary purpose of our being?

No one criticises the efforts of the fraternities to be more useful

to their members. It is right and proper that the young idea should be taught how to shoot. It is right that his brothers take him in hand and lead him along the path he should follow. Such acts may indeed be the manifestation of the noblest spirit of friendship. But when he sees about him, in the very home where he fondly imagined the very spirit of true fraternity dwelt, scenes that do not distinguish it from the classroom, the workshop or the club, how long will his early conception of a fraternity remain with him?

Fraternity is worth teaching. It is worth developing. The world needs the spirit of brotherly love quite as much as it needs education, culture and efficiency. Right now it has greater need of it than ever before. Education, culture, efficiency produced the European chaos. The spirit of fraternity could have averted it. A college fraternity that seeks to inculcate this spirit is engaged in a great and useful work and is promoting something as valuable to man as his fine spun gold or his learned books. Such a fraternity supplies to its members something they cannot elsewhere secure. Such a fraternity remains true to its purpose and still has time to experiment with all the vagaries that an august assembly of inter-fraternity experts may recommend to its notice.



Most reluctantly do we here record the retirement of Rev. Beverley D. Tucker as Chief of Province VI. An increase of professional responsibilities prevents further service in the office he filled so brilliantly. By his retirement the Fraternity loses one of its most intelligent laborers and we cannot but cherish the hope that at some future time we may again have the benefit of his wise counsel and his unremitting energy.

The new Chief comes to us from the North Carolina chapter and we believe that, though he is a new and an untried man in the larger work of the Fraternity, the early training he received from the hands of that most excellent chapter will make William Rodman, Jr., a fit successor to Brother Tucker. He has presented to him both an opportunity and an example. If he will follow the footsteps of his predecessor he will not go far afield. We shall expect good tidings from the Sixth Province under his leadership, and we cordially welcome him to the roster of general officers.

The Greeks

GROWTH OF THE GREEKS.

New chapters of men's general fraternities are announced as follows:

B Θ Π—Whitman.

Δ Σ Φ—Wofford, South Carolina, Pittsburgh.

K Α (S)—New Mexico, Arizona.

Π K Φ—Wofford.

Π K Α—New Mexico.

Sororities announce the following new chapters:

A O Π—Washington.

X Ω—Washington State.

Δ Γ—Whitman.

K Α Θ—Pittsburgh.

K K Γ—Kansas State.

Φ M—California, Baker.

Π B Φ—Kansas State, Southern Methodist.

New professional chapters have been announced:

Δ Θ Φ—Texas, Kansas.

Γ Α—Yale, Minnesota.

K Ψ—Washington State.

Φ Α Δ—Oklahoma, Tennessee, Columbia.

Φ X—Kansas.

Π K Δ—Fairmount.

T K Α—Trinity, California, Dickinson, Tennessee, South Dakota, Purdue, St. Lawrence, Ohio, Westminster, Colorado College, Clark.

New chapter houses, in addition to those previously mentioned in this column, are reported in *Banta's Greek Exchange* as follows:

Δ Γ—University of Washington.

K K Γ , $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ and A $\Gamma \Delta$ —Minnesota.

A $\Xi \Delta$ —Iowa.

A $\Gamma \Delta$ —Wisconsin.

A $\Delta \Pi$ —Texas.

$\Delta T \Delta$ —Hillsdale College, University of Washington.

ΣN and $\Theta \Delta X$ —University of Washington.

ΣN —Wisconsin.

ΔY —Boston Tech.

$\Theta \Xi$ —Stevens Institute of Technology.

K Σ —Baker University, Idaho.

A T Ω —Florida, Purdue.

$\Phi K \Psi$ —Johns Hopkins, Missouri.

$\Sigma \Pi$ —Kenyon College.

$\Phi A \Delta$ —Kansas.

K A (S)—University of the South, Alabama.

$\Sigma A E$ —Kansas State.

The K Σ house at Millsaps College was damaged to the extent of six thousand dollars by a tornado. The chapter carried tornado insurance on the house.



CLIPPINGS AND COMMENT.

The *Δ K E Quarterly*, in some paragraphs which are going the rounds, seeks to explode a *Δ T* legend to the effect that the Bowdoin chapter of the latter fraternity was killed by the civil war. Walter B. Palmer, in an article in the *Φ Δ Θ Scroll*, dissects the tentative claim of K A (S) to have originated from the Ku Klux, and disposes of it quite to his satisfaction. The *A T Ω PALM* quotes Palmer at length and then goes on to suggest that it may be Alpha Tau and not K A which had something to do with the Klan. *A Δ Π Sorority* claims 3,000 members for its parent chapter, founded in 1851, and Father Baird won't put these figures in his book. We think these matters should be referred to the committee on inter-fraternity comity.—K Σ *Caduceus*.

The "Skidoceus" would destroy the precious privilege of the exchange editor to throw sand into the other fellows' gears from time to time just to hear 'em squeak.

The *Rainbow* of *Δ T Δ* reprints entire the three papers by Dr. Frank Wieland on "College Men and Social Evils," which had so much favorable comment on their first appearance some years ago. The papers were previously reprinted in pamphlet form, and have already reached 25,000 college men, according to the *Rainbow's* estimate.—K Σ *Caduceus*.

For the last issue of the PALM we wrote a review of the above-mentioned articles which failed to pass the censor. But perhaps we may be permitted to remark that we consider them—unnecessary.

A young man using the name of William Irwin, posing as a member of *Σ Α Ε*, has defrauded several banks in California. He is described as about twenty-seven years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, 165 pounds in weight, dark eyes, olive complexion, oily skin, smooth shaven, long thin nose, well educated, hesitating talker and stubby fingers.—*Σ Α Ε Record*.

To this we wish to add that a person giving the name of R. L. Denny, claiming to be Cornell, '08 (or Georgia, if it suits his purpose better), and wearing an Α Τ Ω pin, is mourned by those he has left behind in several points in Virginia, Ohio and Wisconsin. He is not a member of this fraternity.

We are glad to report that work on the new catalogue is progressing very well, in spite of the fact that so many of the chapters have failed and neglected to send in corrected lists of their alumni. We cannot understand why chapters are so exceedingly negligent about such very important matters. They all claim to be proud to belong to a really national organization, yet fail to do their part in making and keeping it such. We often hear complaints by chapters that their alumni do not keep up interest in their chapters, yet many chapters do not even know where all their alumni are and seemingly make no effort to find out. The burden of all this must of necessity fall on the active chapter—it always has and always will—it is the price the active man must pay for his membership. A policy of always taking and never giving never works out successfully. So let those chapters which have as yet done nothing to help on the catalogue get busy immediately and send in their lists, the best they can give, and the catalogue publishers will do the rest and thereby do the fraternity in general and each chapter in particular a tremendous service.—*Φ Α Θ Scroll*.

And the exchange editor wandered over to the mirror and slowly shaking his head at the Grand Annals sadly murmured—"How true"!

Commenting gravely upon the suggestion of the PALM anent our fraternal sisterhoods *Banta's Greek Exchange* explains thusly:

The word fraternity comes from the Latin *frater* which means brother, not sister. *Soror* is the Latin word for sister. It is inconsistent to call your society a fraternity and then speak of your *sorority* sisters in the same sentence. You must call them your fraternity brothers.

FINANCING THE GREEK PRESS.

The K Σ *Caduceus* announces a "life subscription campaign."

Here is how some of the sororities do it:

A X Q at their last conference made life subscriptions compulsory for every one initiated after date—at \$10. One hundred life subscriptions were reported.

A A II reported only one life subscription, and that they did not consider it a good business proposition, but that every alumna is supposed to subscribe for the magazine for ten years. Their alumnae dues include subscriptions to the magazine.

A A A. Every alumna initiated after date of the last conference is compelled to take a life subscription—\$25. Thirty-five new life subscriptions were gotten at the last convention.

\phi M. Every alumna initiated in a new chapter takes a life subscription—\$15, and every active girl, in her junior year, does the same, either by cash, three-year notes or installments.

K A \theta. Life subscriptions optional—\$15. Each \$100 is invested in six-year bonds at 6 per cent. This has proven a financial aid from the beginning. They also manufacture their own badges, saving more than half the cost—\$2 of this saving from each badge goes for a two-year subscription for the magazine.

KK \Gamma. One-third of the alumnae associations' membership is required to subscribe for the magazine.

A E A. Alumnae dues include the magazine.

A \Gamma. Life subscription voluntary—\$15.

A \Gamma. Life subscription voluntary—\$15.

\Pi B \phi. Life subscription compulsory—\$10.

\Gamma \phi B. Life subscription optional—\$25, and a compulsory five-year subscription for every initiate.—*A O II To Digma*.



MORE HISTORY.

Leroy S. Boyd of K A (S) seems to be working himself into a state of mind preparatory to making some startling claims for his fraternity. The latest of his many contributions to fraternity literature appears in *Banta's Greek Exchange* for September and concerns an alleged ante-bellum society or series of societies in the South bearing the name K A. Mr. Boyd has been throwing out mysterious hints for some time past, but at last has almost reached the stage of open announcement, as witness the following:

After the dissolution of the fraternity in some places about 1857, there was organized at South Carolina College in 1858 the fraternity of

$\Phi M O$, into which all of the unattached chapters of old $K A$ drifted; in fact, the $\Phi M O$ is looked upon as nothing but the old $K A$ under a new name with a change of badge and ritual. By 1879 the $\Phi M O$ itself was totally dead, except at Emory and Henry College, and in that year the chapter there accepted a charter from $K \Sigma$.

The old $K A$ is as the hills and no man can as yet tell when or where it was founded. Traces of it are found in South Carolina one hundred years ago, and John DeWitt Warner, historian of $\Delta K E$, makes the statement that it is probably as old as $\Phi B K$ and that it was founded either at William and Mary College or at Princeton. Inquiries at these two great centers of learning bring no results. The emblems of $\Phi M O$ are very similar to old $K A$, and on the reverse of the $\Phi M O$ badge is to be found the date, "A. D. 1812," thus indicating a very old age for that organization. As $\Phi M O$ was unknown until 1858 it stands to reason that the date refers to old $K A$.

When the present Southern $K A$ was founded at Washington and Lee University in December, 1865, it knew nothing of the existence of the $K A$ Society of Union College, founded there in 1825. *It did not take its name blindly. There was a reason. There was an historic reason, full details of which will doubtless come to light shortly. But it is incontrovertible that the two $K A$'s, North and South, are the oldest fraternities in the United States, barring $\Phi B K$, a purely honorary society. That they are one and the same fraternity is contended by those who are familiar with the facts.*

The following is from a letter written by Mr. Boyd to Walter B. Palmer and published in the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Scroll:

Southern $K A$ was founded as $\Phi K X$ December 21, 1865, and changed its name to $K A$ in a few weeks, at the request of $\Phi K \Psi$ on account of the similarity of name. We did not "bloom forth" to the world until April 9, 1866, probably the date when the badges were first secured.

The Ku Klux Klan was founded in June or July, 1866, at Pulaski, Tennessee, by a band of young men bent on amusement—a club to pass away the time. None of them were $K A$'s and no $K A$'s, to my knowledge, were members of the Ku Klux Klan. The constitution of the K. K. K., called "The Prescript," was the work of a mature mind, and was doubtless written by some old lawyer with a classical education—no bunch of boys could have done it. The ritual was never printed, and to my mind consisted of nothing but very strong oaths of secrecy, etc. Such a ritual as it had was written by the late General George W. Gordon, $\Sigma A E$, of Memphis.

The badge of the K. K. K. was a five-pointed silver star. I saw one two months ago that belonged to General Gordon's widow. A small star appeared in the top point and in each of the two lower points. Across the badge at its greatest width; that is, in a straight line between the other

two points, appeared "*In Hoc Signo Spes Mea*," in script. The greatest width of the badge was one and one-eighth inches. There was no enamel.

It is barely possible that the founders of the K. K. K. were members of some of the *ante-bellum* fraternities in Tennessee colleges, and some of them might have been members of the defunct *ante-bellum* Southern *K A*, but this I very much doubt, as they were too young, and I find no similarity between the two organizations. Old Southern *K A* disbanded gradually from 1856-1866.

In my opinion, the K. K. K. was founded on the ruins of the Knights of the Golden Circle, an organization founded to perpetuate slavery and to annex Cuba and Mexico to the United States. It was suppressed by the Federal Government, in 1864, by the Indianapolis treason trials. Its ritual was made public and scattered broadcast in 1861. Its third and last degree badge was a five-pointed star of any metal, preferably silver. The badge of its second degree was of silver and was circular, the size of a ten-cent piece, with a Greek cross on it. Here we find the two emblems of the K. K. K.—the silver star badge and the cross and circle—as worn on the robes. The Greek cross of *K A* was not the original cross, which was the Latin cross. It was changed to the Greek cross simply to harmonize with the rest of the badge, the Latin cross being now unofficial but preferred by many.

The predecessor of the Knights of the Golden Circle (meaning Knights of the Golden Circle of the sea coast of the Gulf of Mexico—almost a circle) was the order of the Lone Star, founded in the South, about 1830, for the purpose of annexing Texas to the United States—hence "The Lone Star State." This was superseded, about 1854, by the Knights of the Golden Circle, succeeded by the Sons of Liberty, and it by the Order of American Knights—all of which were killed by the Indianapolis treason trials of 1864. There were thousands of members in the North, especially in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio.

The *K A* badge was designed and first made, in the spring of 1866, by our Chief Founder, Wood, and, except the change in the form of the cross, is practically the same today as it was originally designed, which was months before the Ku Klux Klan was founded. The cross in the circle is the common property of the Knights Templar, *X Ψ*, *K A* and other orders, and is as old as the hills—as old as the symbolism of the Egyptians, if not earlier.

I have tried, but failed, to find the college and fraternity connections of the first twenty-one members of the Ku Klux Klan, founded in Pulaski, Tennessee. Nobody will answer letters—probably they do not know.

In the next issue of the *Confederate Veteran*, Nashville, I expect to have an article on the Ku Klux Klan, with a picture of the K. K. K. badge, also touching on a possible relationship of K. K. K. with the defunct *ante-bellum* *K A* and I also sent a picture of the old *K A* badge.

OTHER FELLOWS' NOTIONS.

We are inclined to agree with that brother who writes us saying he is opposed to the short word "frat," whether in speaking or in writing. Yet it rhymes well; and life is short; and the cost of paper is going up; and condensation is necessary, in this journal at least; and variety of epithet is much to be desired; and there are some places where the terms of college lingo are appropriate for their shortness and definiteness. Everybody who reads the *Caduceus* understands what is meant by Tech and frosh and prom. Therefore, though we mostly have the printer spell it out, there are times when we say "frat" on purpose.—*K Σ Caduceus*.

In looking over some of the causes for fraternity agitation we have discovered the fact that the activity of the fraternities as a unit in college politics have been at the bottom of it all. In many places there is a tendency among the fraternities to grab or control all of the elective officers in the college—and as a result the fraternities are pitted against the non-fraternity members. Of course, the fraternity men as such have no right to monopolize politics—though being in the minority it does seem as if the ability to elect their candidate should be rewarded. However, the same foresight should enable them to see that the very contest in which they delight may be their undoing, for it is seldom that such contests do not make an enemy. It is well for fraternity men to be interested in college affairs; and they are not loyal to the college if they are not. Such interest, however, should be as a college student and not as a fraternity member. The fraternity should be always kept in the background. And while participating in college affairs it is well to forget that one is a fraternity member except to express that nobler concept of the gentleman and brotherhood which one's fraternity teaches. Fraternities cannot have too many friends—and the college is a good place to begin their cultivation.—*Σ A E Record*.

Those colleges which persist in forbidding fraternities are to be pitied. The old arguments are pretty weak nowadays. The fraternities have proved their right to exist. They have shown their strength as administrative units. They have helped to solve the housing problem of many a college. They have proved powerful agencies toward better scholarship, cleaner manhood, increased college spirit and greater alumni loyalty. There is poor foundation for the antagonisms which once expressed themselves in prohibitive legislation. And there remains the eternal, unanswerable argument of the alumnus who finds his own mature life poorer, as he compares it with that of his fellows. The narrow views of trustees and faculty fail to stand the test. He knows he was robbed under the guise of guardianship. He knows that he was deprived of something worth while in a college which thought itself doing a wise thing. He knows he lost out.—*F. W. Shepardson, in Banta's Greek Exchange*.

Jewels in a fraternity badge are a luxury and not a necessity, but the fraternity came to believe after years of experience that its members were being charged "all the traffic would bear." There is no reason why excessive prices should be paid even for luxuries. After no little discussion, it was decided that *K Σ* should have one "official jeweler," and only one, at a time. The good results are matter of common knowledge. Still another national fraternity has recently settled upon this plan, which, indeed, *K Σ* was by no means the first to adopt. In announcing *Δ Υ*'s new policy the *Δ Υ Quarterly* recalls the impositions which were practiced under the old free-for-all system. "The jewelers," so our contemporary alleges, "by a gentlemen's agreement among themselves, have established the price lists which are maintained by all." We have also known other abuses the *Quarterly* mentions: "The variety of designs, shapes and styles of badges offered for sale multiplied," "Jewelry of inferior workmanship and crude design has been sold to undergraduates at maximum prices," "Rulings respecting the use of the badge have been openly defied." The satisfaction which most of us feel with the fraternity's present choice of an official jeweler is increased by the news that it is the L. G. Balfour Company which has received the contract from *Δ Υ*.

We believe that the time has come for the members of the fraternity to concentrate their purchases of fraternity stationery, and for similar reasons. The same wrongs which used to annoy us in the purchase of fraternity jewelry flourish in the stationers' trade as it is now carried on. The charges for all sorts of work from engraved plates are colossal, even when allowance is made for the present increase in wholesale prices of paper and printing material. Cost is piled on cost whenever a chapter or an individual can be persuaded to undertake something claimed to be the latest fashion or the latest variation from the fashion. Representations of the badge have, indeed, practically disappeared from use since the fraternity legislated upon the point, but the *K Σ* arms have been quite variously interpreted. Sundry steelplate designs for college annual use still exist, all but one of which probably deserve to be ruled out. Since the volume of the patronage of chapters and alumni, when brought together, is enough to attract the attention of almost any concern that is really looking for business, there need be no doubt that a reliable manufacturer "not in the trust" can be found, who will give good service and offer more reasonable prices than the fraternity has ever enjoyed. There is not even any need of absolute restrictions. Let it be understood that the "official" stationer can make the prices and deliver the goods, and the patronage will come his way. Having overcome one band of Cossa's robbers, why should we continue to pay tribute to another? It may be that several stationers in different sections of the country are needed to handle the business in the most convenient

way. It is probable that one or more $K \Sigma$ firms would be found upon this list. Wise economy commands that the members of the fraternity avail themselves of the right of co-operative buying.—*K Σ Caduceus.*



GUEST AND CHAPTER NIGHTS.

The enthusiastic adoption of the customs of Guest Night and Chapter Night by a rapidly increasing number of our chapters indicates the possibility of their becoming traditions in our fraternity. Doubtless other chapters will desire to give these customs a trial early in the school year. It would therefore appear desirable at this time to consider the leading features and advantages of Guest Night and Chapter Night.

GUEST NIGHT.

This custom involves the selection of one evening meal (or Sunday P. M.) each week to which a certain number of selected guests are invited. The guests are entertained for a couple of hours after the meal, but the entertainment is not allowed to interfere with the regular study hours of the chapter.

The invitation of guests to the fraternity house is, of course, nothing new. But the invitation of guests throughout the year according to the custom recently established is new in many respects. In the first place, the chapter exercises some direction in the matter of the selection of guests, in order that it may be host to people of different stations and interests. The guests are chosen from the faculty, other fraternities and alumni, while non-fraternity men and townspeople are frequently invited. Some chapters prefer to invite men of one of these groups on a particular occasion, while other chapters select a few from each group for each Guest Night. In the second place, the custom provides that each member of the chapter shall invite a guest in his turn. That is, it is his duty to invite a guest and usually the committee on Guest Night exercises some direction as to the selection of the guest. There is no special entertainment provided. While some music adds to the pleasure of the occasion, it has been found that guests as a rule do not enjoy a conversation carried on under the fire of an over-loud piano operated at full capacity. It is understood that the affair is one of the chapter as a whole and the responsibility of entertainment does not fall upon the brothers who have actually invited the guests. Consequently custom rules that all members should give this small portion of their time for the enjoyment of the guests.

There are many advantages resulting from this custom. The fraternity benefits through the pleasant relations established with a large number of people of various interests in college and town life. Better feeling is engendered among other fraternity men, non-fraternity men and the faculty. Many of the guests return the courtesy of the invita-

tion, so that the various members of the chapter are entertained at other fraternity houses and in the homes of those whom they have invited to the chapter house. One seldom comes away from another fraternity house without having learned something of benefit to the chapter, as well as having broadened his own circle of acquaintances. The chapter as a whole has learned to act as host. Thus Guest Night becomes an efficient training for the rushing season. It is the experience of chapters that a year of successful Guest Nights is followed by a successful rushing season, and it is easy to see why this is so.

The benefit to the individual is as great as that derived by the chapter. It is well known that the ability to entertain a guest is a good business asset. Many business deals have been made possible through the confidence and good will inspired by a genial and interesting host. In a large measure, this valuable faculty can be cultivated during college. Under our old system of inviting guests, the member who was backward or diffident or lacking in confidence seldom invited a guest to the house. It was always the men who did not need such training that had the majority of guests. The custom forces the backward one to act as host until he no longer feels it to be a task.

The success of the custom depends upon each member inviting a guest in his turn, and upon these guests representing different interests in our daily life.

Needless to say, the establishment of Guest Night does not mean that one may not invite other guests at other times as opportunity or necessity demands. The setting aside of a definite night and the use of a definite system in extending invitations are merely devices whereby each member of the chapter receives the training derived from such occasions and whereby the influence of the fraternity is extended over various fields.

CHAPTER NIGHT.

Chapter Night, which should not be confused with the regular meeting night, smokers or alumni receptions, is a custom which adds greatly to fraternity training and rounds out a college education.

It is an evening devoted to reports by certain of the active chapter on assigned subjects, occasional talks by outsiders, or debates among the active men. At its best it is conducted by the active chapter with little, if any, outside aid. It has been found advisable to hold Chapter Night about once a month. If the meetings are held too frequently they become a burden and interest soon lags, while too long an interval between meetings likewise deadens the interest.

The following plan has been found to be successful wherever it has been tried: Begin with a study of the fraternity, taking one section at a time, after the general history and organization has been covered. Assign one chapter to each active man in turn. Make the assignments early in the year so that ample time may be given for preparation. In

studying a chapter, one may well consider its history, customs, present membership, house, etc., while a good report should be made on the college itself, its history, size, endowment, noted professors and graduates, customs and traditions, songs, athletics, etc. The writer recalls several instances when the knowledge of other colleges learned at Chapter Night was an asset in a business way in getting in touch with other college men.

Following the study of our fraternity and the colleges in which we have chapters, a certain amount of time may well be spent on a study of other fraternities, using *Baird's Manual* as a guide.

In addition to reports or symposiums on given subjects, an orderly debate on some of the subjects usually discussed around the fraternity house is found to be interesting.

The following list of subjects is taken from actual Chapter Nights at various chapters and shows some of the possibilities in the way of subjects. No attempt has been made to arrange them in any special order.

"Put-Wise" Night for freshmen (symposium by older men to acquaint the freshmen with fraternity and college customs and traditions).

"Boosters' Night" (every member being required to boost something about the chapter or college).

"Knockers' Night" (each member to contribute a knock, but to offer a constructive suggestion for the betterment of the conditions to which he objects).

"Fraternity Rushing" (conduct a model rushing party and pledging, followed by criticism. May be repeated with different men doing the bidding, using an active member as rushee).

"Parliamentary Rules" (with illustrative meeting).

"Book Night" (each member mentions the books he likes best. Make a list of these books and post them as a guide to reading).

"Foreign Universities."

"Review of Articles in the National Geographic Magazine."

"The Swastika and the Monad."

"Ancient Education."

"Studies of Interesting Countries" (such as Thibet, New Zealand, Ancient Mexico, etc.).

"How to Study" (methods which good students have used for the study of special subjects, such as German, chemistry, mathematics, etc.).

"Music Night" (the victrola may be used for a study of good music, the Victor Company publishes a book on this line. Study different kinds of music, instruments and different artists and composers).

"Vocation Night" (study of the opportunities of various vocations).

"A Review of the book, *Mind and Work*, by Luther H. Gulick."

"Study of Taylor's *System of Scientific Management*, together with *Gelbrech's Motion Study*."

Benefits from Chapter Night accrue to the chapter and to the individuals. The training derived from the preparation and giving of a report on a special topic is of value aside from the information thus acquired, and will be found of assistance in later life.

Unfortunately, in many chapters, we find lads who are so immature that they have a boyish distaste for anything that hints of cultural training. It is a matter of regret that so many of our college men do not fully appreciate the value of their opportunities. The presence of such members should not deter a chapter from taking up the custom of Chapter Night. Some chapters have hesitated to adopt the custom because of the mistaken notion that the members have not the time necessary for preparation. It would be a difficult matter to convince an alumnus who has been out working for himself for a few years that college men are really rushed for time. Where the chapter takes an interest in such matters there is seldom a failure on the part of a member to report his subject. As the custom progresses, a rivalry is soon manifest for each man to do his best and to make a creditable showing before his fellows.

If your chapter has not established Guest Night and Chapter Night as a local custom, it is missing something worth while.—*Charles W. Hill, in Phi Gamma Delta.*



GREEK GOSSIP.

According to *Banta's Greek Exchange* every chapter of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ now has a publication of its own.

Alumni of twenty-three general fraternities at the University of Minnesota have offered a silver cup as a trophy to the chapter making the highest scholastic average at that institution.

One of the finest bits of fraternity news we have noticed in a long time comes from the University of Kansas. Many good things have originated in that state—and the latest innovation certainly is up to the standard and worthy of general emulation. It seems that the fraternities and sororities are supporting war orphans. Each Greek-letter society will adopt a child left unsupported by the European war and will have the privilege of naming the baby. While charity should ordinarily begin at home—here is an opportunity for altruistic service which certainly is an exception. What a fine thing it would be if every chapter in the fraternity would follow suit.—*Σ A E Record.*

A new national journalistic fraternity, *H Θ E*, was founded at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, May 3, 1916.

The purpose is to promote the interests of journalism in general and college journalism in particular; to honor men for faithful service on the college newspaper; and to provide an incentive for more efficient work on the part of the staff.

This new journalistic fraternity, according to announcement, is strictly an honorary order, only those men being elected who have successfully completed at least one and a half years of college work, who have served at least a year on the college newspaper or have been exceptional students in the department of journalism of the college, and who possesses good moral character. The membership is limited to men.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

To the average citizen it does seem strange that colleges should be torn up ever and anon over the historic "frat" and "non-frat" issue. Just now Mercer, which has been coasting along pretty nicely of late, is plumped down into the middle of internecine strife; the faculty has taken a hand, but had its scheme promptly rejected by one side to the controversy, and things are in turmoil apprehending the meeting of the board of trustees to pass on the matter.

The non-frats swear the frats have no place in any institution in a democratic country, and, boiled down, the frats contend what they do is none of the business of anybody who doesn't like it, this, to their notion also, being a democratic country. The solution would appear to be to let the frats go on without official recognition from the university itself, and for those members who want to or can go ahead and join them, and those students who don't want to and can't stay out. It's a free country, after all, even if it is democratic, as both of them claim.—*Macon Telegraph*.



NEW PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY.

Among the telegrams of congratulation received by Governor-elect Lowden, of Illinois, the Chicago *Tribune* lists the following:

AMERICAN SHEEP BREEDERS, Lambda Rho chapter, Beta Theta Pi—Send heartiest congratulations. Hurrah for the first Governor of Illinois to own a flock of sheep. He sure got our nanny.

WILLIAM C. SMILEY.

The Alumni

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Young (Brown), a daughter.

To Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Buschgen (Southwestern Presbyterian), a son, William Beverly, May 2, 1916.

To Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Stewart (Southwestern Presbyterian), a daughter, Annie White, October 27, 1916.

To Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Watson (Southwestern Presbyterian), a son, P. M. Watson, Jr., August 4, 1916.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Guy E. Reed (Nebraska) and Miss Florence Angle.

George M. Houliston (Oregon Agricultural) and Miss Gladys Woodworth, of Portland, Oregon.

Perry N. Johnston (Oregon Agricultural) and Miss Dorothy Passmore, of Tualatin, Oregon.

MARRIAGES.

Robert W. Bingham (Bingham), ex-Worthy High Chancellor, and Mrs. Mary L. Flagler, at New York City, November 15, 1916.

Everard Appleton (Brown) and Miss Eliza H. Bridgham, of Providence, Rhode Island.

Edward E. Warner (Brown) and Miss Gladys Olsen, of Providence, Rhode Island.

Garland Robeson (Emory) and Miss Ruth Richards, of New York City.

Leon E. Howe (Kansas) and Miss Hazel I. Williams, at Lakeland, Florida, June 29, 1916.

Arthur McCarthy (Kansas) and Miss Fern Fitzpatrick, of Salina, Kansas, June 6, 1916.

B. H. Collings (Kentucky) and Miss Elizabeth Hayden, of Lewisport, Kentucky.

O. W. Kirkpatrick (Kentucky) and Miss Mary L. Gibbs, of Rockport, Kentucky, November 29, 1916.

Alexander Martin (M. I. T.) and Miss Pearl L. Blakely, of Roxbury, Massachusetts.

William A. Cass (Oregon) and Miss Constance Taylor, of Portland, Oregon, August 4, 1916.

Earl Blackaby (Oregon) and Miss Bertha Kincaid, of Ashland, Oregon, August 4, 1916.

Roy McGee (Oregon Agricultural) and Miss Esther Hartung, at Glendale, Oregon, October, 1916.

Fred Hulbert (Oregon Agricultural) and Miss Ursula Hermann, at Seattle, Washington, May, 1916.

Arthur J. Halton (Purdue) and Miss Helen Searce, September 14, 1916.

John W. Waters (Purdue) and Miss Ruth M. McCombs, August 26, 1916.

Homer A. Vilas (St. Lawrence) and Miss Elizabeth Waters, at Brooklyn, New York, October 12, 1916.

William G. Aten (Simpson) and Miss Lula Baer, June 22, 1916.

D. R. Stuart (Simpson) and Miss Helen Pierce, June 6, 1916.

Benjamin J. Gudge (Tufts) and Miss Florence B. Porter, at Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1916.

Robert B. Jeffers (Tufts) and Miss Jessie M. Kirk, at Rochester, New York, October 14, 1916.

Arthur H. Ward (Tufts) and Miss Elizabeth A. Chipman, at Somerville, Massachusetts, October 9, 1916.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Floyd E. Jarvis (Adrian) from Memphis, Michigan, to 5702 Drexel Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

William B. Buck (Albion) from 206 West Ninety-ninth Street, New York City, to 901 Kresge Building, Detroit, Michigan.

George A. Carden (Auburn) from 412 North Texas Building, Dallas, Texas, to Room 622, 25 Broad Street, New York City.

Jack N. Peebles (Auburn) from 6 Park Place, Montgomery, Alabama, to care Alabama Power Company, R. F. D. No. 1, Parrish, Alabama.

Howard K. Porter (Auburn) from 20 West Peachtree Place, Atlanta, Georgia, to 794 South Thirteenth Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Charles L. Bagnall (Brown) from North Attleboro, Massachusetts, to The Hope Mills, Bristol, Rhode Island.

Charles A. Levin (Brown) from 119 Waterman Street, Providence, Rhode Island, to Biddle Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

J. Donald Murphy (Brown) from Trenton, New Jersey, to Y. M. C. A. Building, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Otto C. Pahline (Brown) from Akron, Ohio, to East Providence, Rhode Island.

Walter S. Bryan (Emory) from 123 Forest Street, Oberlin, Ohio, to Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut.

Ernest Buss (Florida) from Fort Myers, Florida, to Clear Lake, Iowa.

Gilber Chestnut (Florida) from Gainesville, Florida, to Miami, Florida.

Jay Hearin (Florida) from Jacksonville, Florida, to Thomasville, Georgia.

L. B. Newman (Florida) from Jacksonville, Florida, to Titusville, Florida.

Clifford O. Dice (Indiana) from Covington, Indiana, to North University Street, Blackfoot, Idaho.

Wylie B. Wendt (Kentucky) from 610 Monroe Street, Newport, Kentucky, to Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Albert S. Blank (Lehigh) from 380 Linden Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, to A. T. O. House, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Charles P. Brinton (Lehigh) from Gap, Pennsylvania, to Sayre, Pennsylvania.

Augustus P. Farnsworth (M. I. T.) from Buffalo Avenue and Third Street, Niagara Falls, New York, to 336 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

George T. Woolley, Jr. (M. I. T.), from Salina, Kansas, to 23 The Lochiel, Niagara Falls, New York.

D. Roy Hay (Mercer) from Valdosta, Georgia, to Thomasville, Georgia.

James R. Greer (Minnesota) from Gillespie, Illinois, to Marion, Iowa.

J. C. Seegers (Muhlenberg) from care Allentown Preparatory School, Allentown, Pennsylvania, to care Lenoir College, Hickory, North Carolina.

Harry L. Bowman (Penn State) from 825 East Chelten Avenue, Germantown, Pennsylvania, to 2073 Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, Missouri.

Howard R. Pickett (Penn State) from 5018 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Tom Robanau (Sewanee) to Miami, Florida.

M. Hugh Stephens (Simpson) from Farmer City, Illinois, to care High School, Creston, Iowa.

C. W. Scholefield (Stanford) from care Pipe Line Department, Standard Oil Company, Taft, California, to 1635 Cedar Street, Berkeley, California.

John H. Agee (Tennessee) from Washington, D. C., to Fulton, Missouri.

T. F. Dooley (Tennessee) from Rossville, Georgia, to Johnson City, Tennessee.

Lansing D. Beach (Tulane) from 2336 Grandview Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, to care "The Light," San Antonio, Texas.

R. A. Chipman (Tufts) from Tufts College, Massachusetts, to Wareham, Massachusetts.

Everett A. Geer (Tufts) from Millbury, Massachusetts, to Three Rivers, Massachusetts.

F. M. B. Merrithew (Tufts) from 71 Adams Avenue, Saugus, Massachusetts, to care American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Traffic Department, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Frank L. Shaw (Tufts) from 81 Church Street, Boston, Massachusetts, to 61 Broadway, care General Education Board, New York City.

K. B. Thorndike (Tufts) from 68 Harvard Street, Medford, Pennsylvania, to 4 Petroleum Street, Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Phil H. Porter, Jr. (Vanderbilt), from care Porter Pottery Company, Clinton, Kentucky, to 516 South Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Lee A. Sawyer (Vermont) from White River Junction, Vermont, to 33 School Street, North Woburn, Massachusetts.

W. R. Bass (Wesleyan) from Burnside, Kentucky, to Milford, Ohio.

P. B. Parks (Wesleyan) from 149 East Twenty-first Street, New York City, to Nelsonville, Ohio.

Frank M. Kennedy (Wisconsin) from College Park, Maryland, to Camp E. S. Otis, Canal Zone.

F. R. Bott (Wooster) from 615 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, to 319 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Martin H. Jachens (Worcester) from 105 Shepard Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey, to 237 Seventy-first Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Donald C. Foote (Wyoming) from Hanna, Wyoming, to Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Alfred R. Williams (Wyoming) from 428 Ash Avenue, Iowa, to 342 Pratt Street, Longmont, Colorado.



A DEAD BEAT—WATCH HIM!

The following comes from the Worthy Grand Chief with the request that it be printed in the PALM.

Word has come to this office that a man named R. L. Denny, who claims to be a member of Alpha Tau Omega, is going about the country and upon the strength of his alleged membership is borrowing money from, and otherwise imposing upon, various people.

He is said to wear an Alpha Tau Omega badge and in some instances to claim to be a member of the Cornell chapter and in others to be a member of one of the Georgia chapters.

He is an impostor; is not and never was a member of Alpha Tau Omega, and should be handed over to the police at the first opportunity.



ALPHA TAUS IN THE ORIENT.

From our far eastern correspondent, F. A. McDonald (Pennsylvania), comes a letter filled with interesting notes of his own experiences and of the Alpha Taus he is meeting in the course of his travels. Part of his letter from Bombay is quoted:

On the trip out here from Manila, I met a very fine A. T. O. at Colombo who is now vice consul and will in a few months be consul, as present man

is going on leave to United States. The A. T. O. is a man named Nye from Simpson College, but I did not get his initials.

Have met A. T. O.'s in Honolulu (Calder, R. G., of St. Lawrence), Hongkong (Machider, of Cornell), Manila (Davis, of Brown, and Weaver, of Simpson College), Saigon (Kirby, Mu Iota Club, Kentucky), Colombo (Nye, Simpson College) and Bombay (McDonald, Pennsylvania). Can you carry it on around? Guess the circuit can be completed. We're not the only ones. I have met other fraternity men at each place as well. Our strongest link is of course at Jerusalem. Hope to get there before Doctor Glazebrook leaves.



FOR THE BASEBALL FAN.

James R. Miller (M. I. T.) sends us the following letter which the baseball fans will read with great interest:

In the last issue of *Banta's Greek Exchange* under the Personal Department it states that Pratt, of the St. Louis American Baseball Club, is a member of Kappa Alpha (Southern). As a matter of fact Derrill Pratt is an initiate of Beta Iota of Alpha Tau Omega. We are ably represented in big league baseball by J. C. Smith (Alabama Alpha Epsilon), F. L. Allen (Tennessee Alpha Tau) and Fred Bailey (Virginia Beta), all with the Boston Nationals, and we can also claim the best umpire in baseball, no other than the famous "Billy" Evans from New York Beta Theta. It makes me sore to hear other fraternities boast of the great ball players and I sincerely hope you will see that justice is done in the next issue of the PALM.



FROM THE BORDER.

William E. Brandt (Muhlenberg), the sporting editor of the Philadelphia (Pa.) *Record*, writes us:

In case you haven't received this note from any other source, I'm shooting it to you for the next issue of the PALM:

Muhlenberg Alpha Iota: Dr. Langhorne Wistar Fink, '12, is stationed at El Paso as a first lieutenant in the Seventh Division of the N. G. P. His orderly is Herbert deBenneville Frederick, also of the class of 1912, who enlisted originally as a private in the hospital corps of the Fourth Regiment. Frederick and Fink were classmates for four years at Muhlenberg and roomed together in the University of Pennsylvania dormitories for three years while pursuing the law and the dental profession, respectively. Since graduating from the Penn schools, in 1915, Frederick has been practicing law in Allentown, his home, and Fink kept his shingle out in Reading, Pa., for about a year up to the time of his joining the colors.

(I saw Finkie at Mount Gretna about three weeks ago, and he says it is going to be worth five ordinary years of his life to live the one moment when he steps up behind Freddie, and says, in a stern, first lieutenant voice, "Private, Frederick!")

The success of which depended on Freddie's ignorance of the fact that Finkie had joined the army. I should like to have had a ringside seat.)



CROOKS INAUGURATED.

Harry M. Crooks (Wooster) was recently installed as president of Alma College at Alma, Michigan, and one of the Chicago newspapers thus describes the event:

It has been announced by the board of trustees that the formal inaugural of President Harry Means Crooks of Alma College, will be held October 31st and November 1st, and that the affair will be one of the most notable in the history of the Michigan colleges.

The board of trustees is making every effort to have the various Presbyterian college presidents of the country present at the affair, as well as other well-known college presidents around the country, besides having all of the Michigan college presidents here for the big two-day affair. The first day of the two-day program will be taken up with an educational conference, at which time many of the college presidents will speak, among these being President J. Campbell White, of Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio; President H. M. Gage, of Huron College, Huron, South Dakota; President John S. Nolan, of Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, and President E. A. McAlpine, of the Presbyterian College Board of America.

On Wednesday, November 1st, the formal inaugural of President Harry Means Crooks will be held in the forenoon, and after an inaugural luncheon at noon, the college presidents will hold a big conference on the contribution of the college to society, at which time the contribution of the college into every phase of business, and into the social life of the world, will be gone into thoroughly.



WORCESTER MAN DECORATED.

Raymond B. Penniman (Worcester), who is fighting in France as a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Regiment, has been awarded the military cross for his bravery and gallantry in the trenches. The official statement says that he was decorated "for repelling three hostile attacks under difficult circumstances." Brother Penniman was in the thick of the fighting on the Ypres salient and came through unscathed.

He is the son of E. G. Penniman, who was widely known in Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the firm of Maguire & Penniman, contractors. Young Penniman attended the Lexington Avenue Grammar School, Hope Street High School and the Moses Brown School, from which he was graduated in 1911. In 1910 the family moved to Fort William, Ontario, leaving Brother Penniman to finish his school course. Later he studied civil engineering at Worcester Polytechnic.



A PROMINENT ENGINEER.

The *Electrical World* speaks thus of John A. Clay (California):

John A. Clay, the president-elect of the Colorado Electric Light, Power and Railway Association, is the general manager of the Western Colorado Power Company, with headquarters at Montrose, Colorado. Mr. Clay was graduated sixteen years ago from the engineering department of the University of California. His first position in the central station field was with the Independent Light and Power Company, San Francisco. Later he entered the employ of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in its San-Francisco-to-China service. Shortly thereafter, however, he took up construction work ashore for the General Electric Company in the Northwest. Entering central station work again he was employed by the Tacoma Railway and Power Company and the Washington Water Power Company. Then for a period he was connected with the Hecla Mining Company in the Coeur d'Alene district. Since 1906 Mr. Clay has been with the Western Colorado Power Company, of Montrose, remaining through various reorganizations.



BRIEF PERSONAL ITEMS.

Alabama: E. W. Carter is practicing law at La Grange, Georgia. G. R. Harsh is practicing law with his father at Birmingham, Alabama. G. G. Woodruff is studying medicine at Tulane University. W. H. McGowen is an attorney for the city of Birmingham, Alabama. At the mobilization camp in Montgomery, Alabama, at Highland Park, the Alpha Taus boast of seven captains. Among these are R. L. Nathan, Hayes and McGee from this chapter.

Auburn: Y. G. Samford has a position with the Manhattan

Life Insurance Company, in New York City. W. C. Louisell is professor and coach of the senior boys at the Gulf Coast Military Academy, Gulfport, Mississippi. K. G. Caughman has the same position among the junior boys.

Brown: Frank A. Page is the collector of the port of Providence. Harold R. Curtis is town counsellor for Warwick, Rhode Island. Charles L. Bagnall is sales manager for the Hope Worsted Mills, at Bristol, Rhode Island. Edward E. Warner is at Rio de Janeiro as the South American manager for the Aluminum Company of America. In Providence, Rhode Island, George W. Carpenter and Holden Remington are on the staff of the *Providence Journal*, while Samuel E. Lincoln is with the *Providence Tribune*.

Chicago: Holly R. Bennett is back from the West where he was chief assistant to Uncle Sam in laying out Yellowstone National Park. Stubby Burt has gone out to Tucson, Arizona.

Emory: Walter S. Bryan is master in German at the Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut. Joe Mallet is studying law at Yale. James L. Girardeau is studying law in the Lamar School of Emory University. Hugh Mallet is superintendent of schools of Butts County, Georgia. Clark Thomas is house physician in the Army Hospital at Washington, D. C. Jerry Toole is a sergeant at headquarters in El Paso. Louie Padgett is a corporal stationed at El Paso. Walter Branham is a sergeant stationed at El Paso. Willard Irvine is a captain left in charge of Camp Harris. Ralph Sanderford is studying architecture at Georgia Tech. George Roach is superintendent of schools at Warrenton, Georgia. Marvin M. Parks has received the degree of LL. D. from the University of Georgia. Linton B. Robeson, a director of Ginn and Company, has given to his alma mater the pulpit and prayer table of John Wesley, built under his personal direction, and used by him in Wales in 1760. They will be placed in the chapel of the Theological School.

Florida: Leonard Newman is practicing law at Titusville, Florida, a member of the firm of Robbins & Newman. Henry Baker and Sam Buie are on the border with the Florida Regiment. Dan Padgett is in the turpentine business at St. Augustine, Florida. Rusty Carter has become a farmer and is raising potatoes at

Hastings, Florida. Jay Hearin is engaged in the packing business with Swift and Company, at Thomasville, Georgia. Ernest Buss is at Clear Lake, Iowa, spending the winter in the attempt to recuperate his health.

Illinois: Wesley King is manager of the trust department of Halloran-Judge Loan and Trust Company, at Salt Lake, Utah.

Kentucky: H. C. Robinson is engaged in farming at Georgetown, Kentucky. B. C. Martin is with the Hodge Tobacco Company, at Henderson, Kentucky. R. C. Dabney is chief food chemist at the Kentucky Experiment Station. W. D. Hamilton has been appointed police judge of Greenville, Kentucky. J. duP. Oosthuizen is tobacco and cotton expert for the South African Government and is located at Vredefort, Orange Free State. J. T. Taylor has been appointed county demonstrator of Jefferson County, Kentucky. J. R. Watson is at New Orleans, Louisiana, his address being 1622 Sixth Street. W. B. Wendt is teaching in the Kansas State Agricultural College, at Manhattan, Kansas. Walter N. Bruning has taken up work with the Avery Plow Company, of Louisville, Kentucky. B. M. Brigman is chairman of the Athletic Association of the University of Louisville.

M. I. T.: Alexander Martin is with the National Lamp Works of the General Electric Company, Cleveland, Ohio, his address being 10406 Wade Park.

North Carolina: Hugh Smith and Eugene Pendergrass are studying medicine at Pennsylvania. Hoke B. Black is teaching at Fishbourn Military Academy. McDaniel Lewis is teaching in the Raleigh High School, Raleigh, North Carolina. Robert S. McNeill is practicing law at Fayetteville, North Carolina. Prof. E. W. Turlington is in the English department at the University of North Carolina.

Oregon: John Welch is managing his father's business, the John Welch Dental Depot, of Portland, San Francisco and Seattle. John Coshaw is studying law in Portland and is a member of the football team of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club.

St. Lawrence: R. E. Loveless is principal of the High School at Waddington, New York. H. E. Jamieson and G. M. McGinnis

are in Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the employ of F. W. Woolworth. D. H. Moore is teaching science in the Southampton High School, Long Island, New York. A. B. Oatman is employed by the Acheson Graphite Company, at Niagara Falls, New York. J. B. Laidlaw has been appointed superintendent of schools of Niagara Falls, New York. A. H. Van Brocklin is in the real estate business at Potsdam, New York.

Simpson: William G. Aten is fuel inspector for the Burlington Railroad with headquarters at New Castle, Wyoming. D. R. Stuart is a successful carpenter and contractor at Harlan, Iowa.

Tufts: George S. Miller has recently been appointed secretary to President Herman C. Bumpus of Tufts College. Arthur V. Donnellan is science teacher and athletic director at the high school at Palmer, Massachusetts. Roland G. Stafford has been transferred from bridge inspecting on the terminal division of the Boston and Maine Railroad to the office of the company in the North Station, where he is a draftsman. G. Lester Fuller has entered the Harvard Medical School. J. W. Fairbank is with the Worthington Pump and Machine Corporation at the Blake Knowles plant at East Cambridge, Massachusetts. R. L. McLellan is employed by the Aberthaw Construction Company, at New Haven, Connecticut. K. B. Thorndike is with the National Transit Pump and Machine Company, at Oil City, Pennsylvania. John W. Achora spent the summer in Plattsburg training for the United States Army. Vannevar Bush has been appointed head of the physics department of the Pre-Medical School of Tufts College. H. W. Burritt is in the psychological department of the Ford Motor Works, at Detroit, Michigan.

Union: Hardie M. Ward is with the Spiegle-May-Stern Mail Order House in the complaint department, Chicago, Illinois.

Vanderbilt: Phil H. Porter is with the Western Electric Company, at Chicago, Illinois.

The Associations

ATLANTA.

The Atlanta Alumni Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity had an informal dinner at Hotel Ansley on Saturday evening, November 18th. Twenty-six brothers were present. JAS. L. GIRARDEAU.

CHICAGO.

The Chicago Alumni Association desires the co-operation of all readers of the PALM in getting new members. Our membership is largely transient and we want to get in touch with the newcomers as soon as possible. It will be to their advantage as well as ours to attend our weekly luncheons at the Hotel Brevoort, Thursday noons.

The next banquet is to be held at the Chicago Athletic Club Friday evening, December 8th. Instead of the usual speaking we are to be addressed by Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan, of the physics department of the University of Chicago.

Sergeant Charles P. Stivers, of Co. A, Illinois Engineers, a Gamma Tau, who took the examinations at San Antonio for second lieutenancy in the regular army, has received notice that he has passed and to report soon at Fort Reilly School of Instruction.

Other brothers who have been in Mexico are E. C. Stevens, Gamma Tau, with the army field service of the Y. M. C. A.; Robert Persnal, Gamma Xi, a corporal with the Machine Gun Co., First Illinois Infantry, and Clarence L. Rakow and Storey S. Stevens, Gamma Taus in the First Illinois "crack" Battery E, who took part in the "Austin Hike."

Erling H. Lunds, Gamma Xi, has been chosen delegate to the twenty-fifth Congress, and Stellan S. Windrow, Gamma Xi, alternate.

H. H. WELLMAN.

LOUISVILLE.

The last regular meeting of the Louisville Association was held October 25th at the Seelbach Hotel with the usual dinner preceding. We are keeping up a goodly attendance and a lively interest is being shown.

At a called business meeting on November 7th it was unanimously decided to send a representative to St. Louis for the Congress, and the sense of the meeting was that as many as possible attend. The association is looking ahead with pleasure the annual banquet at the Kentucky

chapter, University of Kentucky, on February 22d. This is always a great home-coming and an occasion of rare pleasure. Many Louisville men not alumni of that chapter will attend.

During the Christmas holidays the Louisville Association will give its usual dinner in honor of the active men home at that time. This is always a merry time, and brings the men of the association in closer touch with the work of the active chapters.

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WASHINGTON.

At the last meeting of the association, held in the Seattle Hotel, October 12th, it was decided that it was up to us to show that we were not really as dead as our long absence from the PALM pages would indicate. Now, we have always had a PALM correspondent, although the editor may not believe it, but I guess he didn't like the editor, for he never corresponded. So we fired him, although we didn't know who he was, and elected "ye scribe" to his place, so here goes.

At the last meeting it was voted to change the date of meeting to the second Saturday of each month, at the Seattle Hotel, and any visitors who turn up there on that night about 6 to 8.30 will be made heartily welcome. Visitors who come to the city on other days should get in touch with Lewie Williams, Province Chief, in the L. C. Smith Building, or with the correspondent, 500 Mutual Life Building, and they will put them on the track to see any of the boys they may have known before, as well as many new ones they ought to know.

At the last meeting about twenty boys were out, including, among others, A. W. McCord, Ten Million, Ed Lang, F. Claude Arnold, Jimmy Meece, Lewie Williams, Bruce MacDougall, Russ Horton, A. H. Fischer, of the alumni, and several boys from the campus. A movement is on foot to establish a memorial library of journalism at the University of Washington to the memory of the late Fritz Churchill, and proper action was taken by the association on this matter.

Although Seattle is "dry," at least officially, we can make up for any lack of liquid refreshment by good eats and good fellowship, and we once more tell you all that the latch string is always out at the offices of any of the boys, and at the Seattle Hotel once a month, for all the brothers who come this way.

A. H. FISCHER.

The Undergraduates

THE INITIATES.

(From September 1, 1916, to December 1, 1916.)

The Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer reports the following initiates:

PROVINCE I—*Florida*: Joseph H. Elarbee, Melville G. Gibbons, Dickson Carter, Charles D. Patrick, Leo H. Wilson, Jack W. Sorgen, Jr., Paul G. Franklin, Edward B. Casler, Jr., Daniel P. Smith, Jr., Brooks B. McCall, Jr., Donald T. Babcock; *Georgia*: John H. Tabor, Walter S. Boone, Emmet V. Whelchel, Robert N. Hunter, Joseph B. Frasser, Jr., Thomas D. Matson, Hugh Peterson, Richard E. Theis; *Emory*: Oglesby A. Lowe, Herbert W. Fowler, Richard I. Moore, John C. Cauthen, Thomas M. McLain, Reid Monfort; *Georgia Tech*: Thomas N. Colley, Percival A. Lee, Guy B. Turner, Wallace D. Smith, Carl H. Schofield, William O. Lassiter, Oscar S. Oldknow, John R. G. Kenimer, Ralph V. LeCraw, Paul McDouglass, John M. Heath, Jr.

PROVINCE II—*Indiana*: Walter B. Jones, Daniel L. Bock; *Rose*: Harry W. Streeter; *Adrian*: Norman A. Schoen; *Michigan*: James H. Stevens; *Wisconsin*: Laurel A. Duffin, James M. Thompson, Carl T. Shape, Jr., John S. Bartlett, Ernest J. Prussing, Charles F. Moore.

PROVINCE III—*Simpson*: Fletcher S. Brown, Harold Sprague, Willard D. Archie, Walter M. Donagan; *Iowa*: William H. Chamberlin; *Iowa State*: Philip G. McDuffie, William F. Flindt, Jr.; *Kansas*: Earl R. Furgason; *Missouri*: Edward H. Preisler, Leonard W. Gaddum, Rufus E. Christian.

PROVINCE IV—*Maine*: Elmer E. Christiansen, Irving R. Donovan, Frank A. Besse, John S. Barron, Carl Sargent, Richard G. Rice, Walter E. Burke, John S. Eldridge; *Colby*: Fred R. Harriman, Wolcott P. Hayes, Everett W. Bucknam, Leonhardt A. Frass, Edison E. Bresett, Addison H. Douglass, Harold J. Mergens, Robert D. Dow, Alvin K. Porter, George L. Evans; *M. I. T.*: Parker H. Kennedy, Weston Hadden, Oscar B. Sias, Laurence C. Cartland, Elmer P. Griesemer, Elmer W. Lawrence, Wilhelm Hedlund; *Tufts*: Wallace T. White, William B. Barrow, Jr., Carlton G. Towne, Harold H. Porter, Franklin L. Ballou, Donald L. Marshall; *Worcester*: Paul J. Harriman, Richard A. Heald, Roger N.

Herald, George R. Roden, Jr., Raymond C. Rundlett, Charles Hollerith, Herman Hollerith, Jr., Ernest A. Peel, Edwin V. Babbitt, Leroy S. Converse, Raphael W. Heffernon, Charles M. Lyman; *Vermont*: Clyde W. Harton, Robert G. Chamberlin, Sanford C. Plumb, George A. Blood, Lincoln D. Adams, Paul Gilioli, Ralph E. Titus.

PROVINCE V—*St. Lawrence*: Harold F. Martin, Elton D. Hobbes, Porter W. Howard, Roy H. Larsher, Harold E. Goldsmith, Myron H. Glover, Ralph M. Harrington, Henry M. Donihu, Harry L. Faw, Allen D. Marshall; *Cornell*: Carl S. Couchman, William R. Garginlo, Earl S. de Witt, Spencer S. Gawne, William C. Feldsine, Charlton G. Blair, Donald S. Burns, Alfred H. Narwold, Thomas J. Clary, Maurice E. Gillett, Harold P. Keller; *Muhlenberg*: William H. Taylor, William H. Fitzgerald; *Washington and Jefferson*: Philip C. Hammond, W. F. Henry, James P. Pollock, Robert J. O'Riley, Fay D. Sweet, James Hays, Earl T. Renny, William B. Husted; *Lehigh*: Eugene O. Harbeck, Wellington B. Hunter, Karl W. Bashoa, William B. Lowe, Edwin A. Bertoletti; *Gettysburg*: Mark J. Bishop, Robert R. Zarr, James C. Orr, James A. Brenneman, George T. McCollough, William L. Minick; *Penn State*: Ralph L. Hartman, Stanley J. Czarnecke, Arnim E. Shirk.

PROVINCE VI—*North Carolina*: Julian B. Hester, Erasmus H. E. Taylor, Theophilus P. Allen; *Trinity*: Lawrence C. Matton; *Charleston*: Thomas H. Middleton; *Virginia*: Richard H. Baker, Jr., Thomas M. Edmonds, Oscar S. Ezzell, Landon R. Funsten, Edmund M. Wilson, Arthur R. McBride.

PROVINCE VII—*Ohio Wesleyan*: Leon S. Brooks; *Ohio State*: Alfred G. Lang, William E. Linch, Charles H. Sprague, Oscar W. Eaton, Joseph A. Park, Samuel E. Raser.

PROVINCE VIII—*Southwestern Presbyterian*: John C. Gilliland, Herbert S. Cherry, John W. Millard, Jr., Flynn V. Long, William W. Fulcher, Lionadas R. Latham; *Vanderbilt*: James M. Bailey, Robert J. Kimbrough, Richard G. Hendrick, Robert A. Blanke, Simon T. Carman, Robert H. Terry, William P. Moss, Edward C. Edwards; *Union*: Robert D. Crutcher, Jr., Murray L. Taylor, Joseph S. Johnson, Jr., Albert D. Muse; *Sewanee*: William deB. Kaps, Jr., Albert W. Montgomery, John L. Bromberg, John G. Dearborn.

PROVINCE IX—*Stanford*: Otis I. Strong, Wienand K. Eszen, John C. Platt, Flavis K. Colglazier; *California*: Karl T. Goeppert, Gerald F. McMullen, Paul S. Packard, Hugh G. Minter, Raybourne W. Rinehart, Henry W. Grady, Howard L. Seaton; *Oregon Agricultural*: Alfred E. Young, Leonard R. Shaver, Erwin S. O. Haberer; *Oregon*: Franklin E. Folts, Tyrrell H. Carner.

PROVINCE X—*Auburn*: William J. Samford, Cyril T. Tackey, James D. Samford, Archibald R. Callen, Joseph G. Coleman, James T. Maury, John McGould, Jr., John S. Woodson; *Southern*: Charles P. Stoops,

Joseph H. Owens, Robert M. W. Sturdivant, Richard A. Wall, Jr., Harry L. Lazenby, Newton R. Elliott, James C. Jones; *Alabama*: John P. Crutcher, Jr., *Texas*: Frederick A. Schulter, Emory F. H. Roberts, Claude B. Lain, Nathaniel Jacks, Joseph L. Wilkes.



THE CHAPTER LETTERS.

PROVINCE I.

FLORIDA.

The new chapter house of Alpha Omega is fast taking on the appearance of a home. It was planned to have the house ready by opening of school this fall, but unavoidable delays came up and the house will not be ready until Christmas. The trustees for the bondholders are Phifer, Taylor, Clark, Trusler and Buie, with Phifer as treasurer. The house will be of brick and frame construction and is to cost about \$4,000. It will be admirably fitted for a fraternity house, with plenty of room for sixteen men. There will be two extra large rooms, one for dancing and the other fixed up especially for chapter meetings. Our home will be the first built and owned by any fraternity in the college.

We have Sparkman, Goldsby, Stockton and Wilson on the varsity football team, and Getzen, who made his letter last year in baseball, is on the scrubs.

During "rushing season" we had a smoker and have had several dances in our rooms since. While we keep up our social side of fraternity life we make that secondary to the school work.

In college honors we are well represented. Wilson was elected president of the freshman class. Elarbee, Partrick and McCall were chosen members of the Serpents, and Casler a member of the Thetas.

An inter-fraternity conference has been established this year and is fast cementing the relations between all the fraternities represented on the campus. All the men are entering into this with enthusiasm and it is hoped that we may become related with the national inter-fraternity conference.

Taylor has re-entered college this year after an absence of two years, and Honaker, of Tampa, has affiliated from Washington and Lee.

We hope to be in our new chapter house by the 1st of January, and we will be more than delighted to see any Alpha Taus who may come through Gainesville. A guest room will always be prepared and waiting for our alumni.

We have recently had the pleasure of visits from Padgett, Mershom, Trantham, Holland, May, Frank Carter, Borden Wilson, Householder, Jackson, Sutton, J. C. Getzen, Upchurch, McMullen and Baker. Hagen and Whittelsey, of Alabama, have also visited us. P. G. FRANKLIN.

GEORGIA.

On the opening of our scholastic year in September, Alpha Beta began with a return of nineteen men and one affiliate, J. L. Medlin, of the University of Virginia. We entered into the rushing season with several excellent prospects in view, and our efforts met with every success, bringing nine new men into the chapter who seem worthy in every respect to uphold the standard set by Alpha Beta in former years.

Of these, Allen is a brother of our beloved "Stump" Allen, which alone warrants him a warm reception into the congeniality of Alpha Beta. He has already started his career by making a place on the college Glee Club, and the future undoubtedly holds a rich store for him. Walter Boone and Bob Hunter come to us from Macon, and the interest manifested by our alumni of that town in securing these two men makes us feel confident that they are the sort of men we are looking for. Joe Fraser and Emmett Welchel, both of Douglas, were brought to our attention by Earl Cocke, '14, and those who know our brother of 1914 know that we undoubtedly have in these two men the best of material for the advancement of Alpha Tau Omega. Tom Matson bids fair to play a prominent part in the activities of our college, and to keep step with the other brothers who have come to us from Atlanta. Hugh Peterson, who hails from Ailey, has come with the determination of making the most of his opportunities while here and it is the hope of all his brothers that he shall succeed. Dick Theis has added much to the personnel of our chapter by his jolly good nature and winning smile. John Tabor joins us from Elberton, the home of many worthy Alpha Taus. He comes with an envious prestige won in prep school, and promises to make the sort of college leader for which our chapter has been noted. Several of our freshmen contemplate trying for places on the freshman debating team, and also for the remaining vacancies in the Glee Club and orchestra.

Our upper classmen have had but little opportunity to show what place they will take in the activities of the year as yet. Evans and Thornton were invited to join the Senate (a social organization), while Arnold was elected to the Buccaneers, a similar organization. Harper and Arnold have made well-deserved places on the Glee Club. J. C. Ashley will manage the baseball team this year and J. H. Skelton will no doubt make his letter in football. We are indeed pleased that Henderson, an alumnus of last year, has returned as assistant coach to the football team, and head coach of baseball. We welcome him with open arms.

A well-organized chapter house movement has been inaugurated, the result of which only the future will reveal. In conclusion, let us extend best wishes to all the chapters for a successful and happy year.

R. E. L. SPENCE.

EMORY.

Losing our four seniors, B. Donald Banks, Richard J. Broyles, E. Allen Burkhalter and J. Orson Smith, by graduation, and Louie L. Padgett to the army at El Paso, made our only absences at first roll call. Such a record is indeed an enviable one.

Though early in the college year, we have some activities to our credit. Presley W. Christian, thrice a letter man; John J. Ingram, David C. Butler, Tom McLain and Richard Moore have all made the football teams. Christian's "E" is a cinch, and Butler's is a good wager. The initiates to the various social clubs included Lowe, Beta Omicron Phi; Orbie H. Stevens and Clay C. Bostwick, Chi Sigma Chi, and Ingram, Owls. Clay F. Wynn and Reid Monfort are two of the highest scholarship men in school. Frank Terry is back in school and is president of the pre-legal class. J. Eason Cross was an impromptu debater from Phi Gamma and winner of the *Phoenix* essay medal for the past year. C. Pierce Harris and Cross are two of the "Y's" Bible study leaders.

The evening before Thanksgiving we will pull off our annual oyster roast. Our guests for the evening will include a coterie of belles and queens outclassing even the imagination—whatever that means.

The alumni who keep tab on the life of Alpha Theta through these letters will regret to learn of the serious injury of Miss Maybelle Clark, one of our sisters, in a recent auto accident in Atlanta. However, she is now out of danger.

Recently we have enjoyed visits from Cannon, of Georgia; Maner, an alumnus of Alpha Beta; Broyles, James Girardeau, Clark Thomas, George Roach, Hugh Mallet and Ralph Sandeford. J. E. CROSS.

MERCER.

Georgia Alpha Zeta returned only six men this year, due to the fact that a majority of our last year's chapter either graduated or are in Texas with the militia.

Plamer Roughton, of the Georgia School of Technology, has affiliated with us.

Our pledges will not be initiated until they pass one term's work, a rule passed by the Pan-Hellenic Council and the faculty.

Last year was our first attempt at a social function given by the several fraternities, and judging by the first, everybody expects to have a fine time.

Considerable progress has been made by Alpha Zeta in the last month to raise enough funds to remodel our hall, and unless we have an unlooked for backset, work on it will commence shortly after the holidays.

FLEMING G. VINSON.

GEORGIA TECH.

Out of the three hundred new students at Tech this year we got eleven of the best. Never in the history of the school has there been so much good material to select from.

Ham Dowling affiliates with us from the Alpha Omega chapter.

Soon after school started the chapter gave a dance to the new men which was a great success.

We came in for our full share of honors in all the class elections and social organizations, among which are president and secretary and treasurer of the freshman class; secretary and treasurer of the junior class; members on honor court of junior class and senior class.

It is a pleasure to announce that Clyde Walson is back in school this year. The pep he has shown as college spirit promoter and agitator has been a wonderful help to the team in its fights for the pennant.

The Tech football team is the best in the South and now with but one more game between us and the pennant, we feel confident of winning it. So far this year Tech has not lost a game. We congratulate Dunwoody on his good playing and Scott on his good management of the team's business affairs. Tech beat Georgia, 21 to 0. Just couldn't help it.

RALPH H. SANDEFORD.

PROVINCE II.

ILLINOIS.

On the evening of September 14th, four days before registration, twenty-four men gathered around the fireside for the first meeting of the year. Strength in numbers and strength in personality of men gave us all a feeling of confidence for a successful year. As far as pledges are concerned, we already have been successful. At the end of the rushing season nine men, all of the type that make good A. T. O.'s, wore the three stars and crescent.

With all our good fortune we have had one happening which has been seriously felt. That is the loss of J. Walter Lamont, who died this summer while on a motor trip in the East. Every man in the chapter regrets his loss very keenly.

In activities we are represented this year by Scott McNulta, cheer leader, and president of Mask and Bauble; Jack Powers, manager of inter-class athletics; Russell White, business manager of the *Illio*; Victor Snyder, varsity football; Carleton Healy, *Illinois Magazine*, *Daily Illini*, *Illio* and *Siren* staffs; Hugh Cross, assistant editor of *Illio*; Runt Simmons, assistant football manager; Cap Squier, assistant football coach, and by Herb Arrick, freshman varsity football squad.

Roy Kroeshell has been pledged to Theta Tau, Carleton Healy to Sigma Delta Chi and Harry Toothaker to Helmet.

Since our last letter, the following brothers have visited the chapter: Russell Hunter, Stan Pogue, Hal Pogue, John Ruckel, Roger Hill and wife, H. A. Clark, one brother from the Kansas chapter and four from the Ohio State chapter.

MCDONALD LOVELL.

CHICAGO.

Illinois Gamma Xi returned with a world of pep, and during the first two weeks of school the fourteen active men who came back for the fall quarter pledged ten of the best men on the campus. We are very proud of our new men, for they are exceptionally strong and not excelled by those of any fraternity on the campus.

Four of our pledges are on the freshman varsity football team, and the rest are gradually breaking into campus activities. Of the active men, Heilman is business manager of the *Cap and Gown*; Clough, Uhlhorn, Heilman and pledges Moser and Wylie are in the university band, and Curtiss is on the varsity basketball squad. School has been in session but one month at this writing, and with the year as young as it is, the chapter is very well represented in college activities. Hupp, who has returned to continue his course in law, was recently honored with the presidency of the junior law class.

In a social way, the chapter's activities have been confined to several informal smokers and "rushing" parties which have been much enjoyed by the chapter, the alumni and the new men. On November 11th a dinner dance was given by the chapter at the Hotel Del Prado which was attended by some eighty Alpha Taus.

Several of the brothers are planning to attend the St. Louis Congress, and the chapter has chosen its Worthy Master, Windrow, delegate. There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm among Alpha Taus in Chicago concerning the Congress, and present indications are that a goodly number of Taus will "follow the flag" to St. Louis at Christmas time.

FRED B. HUEBENTHAL.

INDIANA.

Delta Alpha finds itself at the end of a very successful rush season. We have, at present, fourteen pledges whose quality and ability stand second to none. The interesting fact about the whole rush is that although we had been established for only nine months, the oldest and strongest of the Greeks were forced to vie with us in direct competition. It was a struggle between old reputations and apparent merit and we came out with the second largest list of unusually good pledges. The ranks of Delta Alpha have been strengthened also by the entrance into the university of Ivan N. Waldron, Maine Gamma Alpha, Colby College. He comes here with a good reputation as a track man.

Although our scholarship for the last semester was unusually good in a few individual cases, yet the general average sank below the standard that we have set in previous years. In order to prevent a reoccurrence of that this semester, we have adopted a new plan which we hope will raise the quality of freshman work. Each first-year man is requested to fill out and file with his upper classman, a weekly report of the hours that he has spent in study, sleeping, loafing, etc. The university has furnished these blanks with the request that the fraternities use them. We have gladly accepted the invitation because we feel, as do the school authorities, that "most failures among freshmen are the result of loafing or lack of application."

Also in this connection we are inaugurating a system whereby the house buys a silver cup, and has engraved upon it, every year, the name of the freshman who has the highest scholastic standing. All of this, of course, is working on the theory that if a man passes his work the first year, he will have little trouble afterward.

Its successful rush season and its new plans to get scholastic honors, coupled with the fact that it is represented in every phase of athletics, with the exception of varsity football, gives to Delta Alpha every assurance of a prosperous year.

J. REYNOLDS LUETTE.

ROSE.

Gamma Gamma started the year with the loss of but three men, two of whom graduated and the other was forced to drop out of school until next term. An initiation was held at the chapter house October 18th and the new member brings our roll up to fifteen. This year the largest freshman class in many years has entered the school and each member is doing very well. A close watch will be kept on the men and only those that do well will be considered. There will be many that will fail to make the required mark. The system adopted last year of regulating the rushing season makes it so that none of these men can join a fraternity. The season does not begin until next term and by that time it can be seen who will pass and who will not. A smaller number of freshmen have failed since the rush season has been limited to two weeks. The class contains a number of likely men. Streeter is president of the sophomore class. Howard is on the Student Council. Whelan leads the band. We are represented on the football team by Bake and Crapo. Howard and Streeter are on the basketball squad. Pfau and Gillum, alumni members, are frequent visitors. Hal Mefford, Gamma Xi, is athletic director.

C. S. McKEE.

PURDUE.

Our chapter found itself considerably handicapped in "rushing" this September, due to the absence of five members and one pledge, all

of whom were down on the Mexican border, watchfully waiting. Thanks, however, to the loyal support of our alumni, friends and other chapters, we received an exceptionally large number of prospects. By diligent labor on the part of the nine men who returned, we obtained nine unusually good pledges. Three of these men are on the freshman football team: Wigley, Lewis and Behrent. J. H. Clark is captain of the sophomore team.

Early in November we had the pleasure of initiating J. R. Roberts, '18, who was pledged last May. Roberts played left end on the junior football team this fall and was picked with Clark and Wigley for the all-star class team.

Clark is secretary-treasurer of the Glee Club. Vaile as assistant business manager, and Adler as circulator, work together on the *Exponent* staff. C. C. Miller has been initiated into Tau Beta Pi. Miller is also on the senior auditing committee.

I. M. McFadden, ex-'19, who is now at the University of Illinois, expects to come back and resume his studies in Purdue next February. At the time of the Illinois game we were glad to entertain McFadden and other visiting brothers from Gamma Zeta. We have also enjoyed visits from Marcellus, of Nebraska Gamma Theta; Conlon, of Wisconsin Gamma Tau; Newman, of Kentucky Mu Iota; Kothe, Bridges, Stackhouse and Holden, of Gamma Omicron.

The game with Indiana University has been named for home-coming day. At that time we will give a dance for the returning brothers and other friends.

The outlook, which at the beginning of the year was anything but promising, has changed to such an extent that we expect a most successful year.

M. D. TAYLOR.

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ADRIAN.

Michigan Alpha Mu is the smallest in number it has been for a number of years. Owing to different reasons a number of our active brothers have either dropped out of school or else have taken up work in some professional school. We have a few very promising pledges and are glad to be able to report them of the very best type that have enrolled for the new school year. Our pledges are only five in number, but we feel that it is much better to have quality than quantity. We are justly proud of every member and every pledge we have. Our standing is high in the school, particularly among the more refined.

Besides standing high in scholarship, our fraternity has men who are actively engaged in various student activities. Robert Richardson is president of the Student Union and a member of the Board of Athletic Control. Charles J. Wood is a member of the Board of Student Government. Charles Smith is also a member of the Board of Student Govern-

ment and is associate editor of the *College World*. Wayne McConkey, who is attending the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, is now a member of the Phi Sigma Gamma, a professional fraternity. Four of our men made the varsity in football.

We have given a few parties during the year which have been greatly enjoyed by the members and their ladies, particularly the party given in honor of our pledges.

CHARLES M. SMITH.

HILLSDALE.

Beginning its second year in the new chapter house with fifteen active men back, Beta Kappa's prospects are indeed bright. Instead of the inter-fraternity council which provided for a delayed pledge day last year, rushing and bidding began at the opening of school and Beta Kappa secured seven new men of whom it is very proud.

Collins and Golden have already played in intercollegiate football games and the others bid fair to hold their own in other campus activities. Besides these new men we were very pleased to have Lewis Gray back with us after an absence of a year.

Hillsdale's football team under the leadership of Tarbell is one of the best to represent the school in several years, and besides "Tarb," Beta Kappa is represented on the team with Chase at center, Beach at guard and Collins and Golden as substitute backfield men. At the recent athletic election Tarbell was chosen president of the Athletic Association and Wallace and Nutton were made yellmasters. In basketball Tarbell will be back at his old job at center, while Covert is the likely choice for one of the forwards.

Miller is editor of the college paper and holds an instructorship in debating. Platform activities have not yet begun, but Beta Kappa expects to have at least three representatives on the debating teams. We have emphasized scholarship more than ever this year, realizing this to be our weakest point in the year just past, and Beach is again on the honor roll.

We were hosts just recently to Congressman Kelley and have received visits from Rosecrance, Roberts, Corbett, Harris, Eddy and Hon. A. E. Ewing, one of our charter members.

STUART HAMMOND.

MICHIGAN.

Michigan Beta Lambda has started this year with a rather pleasant outlook. Although we regret to say that we lost quite a number of strong men by graduation last June, we still have twenty active men. We have seven pledges, all of whom seem to be valuable assets to the chapter.

With the resignation of Paul Schmidt as Worthy Master, due to his

not coming back to school this year, Harry Carlson was unanimously elected to fill his place.

In outside activities we have made leaps in all directions. Harry Carlson has been elected treasurer of the senior literary class. Robert Franz, who was elected president of the senior architects, has also been chosen as art editor of the *Michiganensian*. James Stephens, one of our new men, has made the Mandolin Club and is considered by many as the best mandolin player in the university. Gerald Clark was pledged to Phi Rho Sigma, and DeForest Buckmaster to Nu Sigma Nu, both high-standing medical fraternities on the campus. Harry Barber, one of our pledges, is playing halfback on the all-freshman football team and looks as though he will be with the varsity next year.

The alumni reunion which Beta Lambda is to hold on November 18th will be most enjoyable, both for the warm affection we hold toward all our alumni, and the fact that the Michigan-Pennsylvania football game falls on that date. Michigan won its sixth successive victory on October 28th by defeating Syracuse with a whirlwind finish.

R. J. BURGHARD.

ALBION.

The house-warming in October was a feature of the chapter activities. For an entire day the college paid us an official visit. We have now five pledges. They recently organized into a club with regular club officers, the president being the spokesman and mediator for the pledges, and to carry their ideas and complaints to the chapter. This system supplants the sponsor method used by the fraternity last year. The merits of the scheme are yet to be determined. Several of the new men are trying out for the position of yellmaster. Albion may not have intercollegiate basketball this year, but Beta Omicron will be active in attempting to hold the inter-society loving cup, won last year, and has material for a varsity, if the college has a schedule.

The fall party, an annual affair, was original and well planned. The new house certainly facilitated the arrangements.

Since the last letter Youngs has been elected to membership in the Physics Club, and Harrison to the Biological Club.

Smith, Lomason and Beech, of Hillsdale, paid us a visit this month. Also McLanahan, of Missouri Gamma Rho, Columbia, and F. F. Bradley, '98, of the Bradley-Vrooman Paint Company, of Chicago, a former athlete and graduate of the college, spent a week-end with us in October. Good-fellow, who graduated last year, and who is now attending Ann Arbor, often comes over to spend Sunday at the house.

HERBERT G. WILSON.

WISCONSIN.

The loss of eleven men, through graduation last spring, left Gamma Tau with an active chapter of just eighteen men, and three uninitiated sophomores. We were not able to quite fill the house, but will have it full at the beginning of next semester.

During rushing season, the first two weeks of school, we pledged ten men, three of whom were sophomores.

Mueller is on the varsity football squad. Culbertson is on the freshman basketball squad. Lauden and Steele played freshman football.

Madison celebrated home-coming and the Chicago game last weekend. The town was full of old grads, and there were ten Gamma Tau alumni back, as well as three men from the Chicago chapter. A home-coming dance was held at the chapter house Friday night. Charles Moore served on the home-coming committee.

We still have an active interest in the *Cardinal*. Willard Moore is booked for managing editor next semester, and Trayton Davis is one of the desk editors. Things look good for a fine basketball team, but bowling is not so promising. We are planning to give nine dances this year.

In the scholarship reports, recently published for the last semester, Gamma Tau stood third.

DAN H. STEELE.

PROVINCE III.

COLORADO.

The gloom that would ordinarily have deadened a chapter at the returning of only fourteen men did not long hamper the activities of Gamma Lambda. It proved to impel the spirit and decisive action necessary to achievement.

We burst like a bomb into the well-plotted intrigues of our eleven opponents, and plucked the eight men who had been the center of vigorous and desperate rushing for the three grueling summer months. It is with a sense of pride that we can salute our pledge pins upon the campus, for they decorate an eight that are a fit nucleus to develop and nourish the honor and ideals of Alpha Tau. We were greatly aided and supported by an awakened interest on the part of the alumni, although we must especially acknowledge the effort of Arthur Wilson, George Drake and Walter Appel, of Denver.

The final installment of the \$7,000 paid for the house lots has at last been made. It only awaits the compiling of the plans made from a searching study of fraternity houses and fraternity conditions all over the country until the building itself will be commenced. Situated as it will be on the most prominent lots surrounding the university, we will be better able to hold our place of vantage which we have gained in student activities during the past years.

A promising A. T. O. orchestra has been organized. It is composed of a violin, two guitars, six mandolins and a saxophone. We hope to soon have the strains of "Bill the Bumper" and "The Alpha Tau Omega Girl" echoing from under the windows of the seven sorority houses of the university.

Rapp has well started the athletic year by playing a stellar fullback on the varsity. Wilde, Pile and Grigsby will represent us in debate. Lytle, who has sung tenor for three successive years in the Glee Club, and Campiglia, a genius with the violin, will probably represent us in the Glee and Mandolin Club. We have two candidates for Tau Beta Pi, and one sure Phi Beta Kappa. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that we rose five places in the scholastic standing for fraternities last semester.

JOHN L. GRIFFITH.

SIMPSON.

School opened this fall with a majority of the old men back to take up the work of the fraternity. Paul Millhone found it necessary to go to New York for an operation on the arm which he injured in football last year and is spending the winter in the East. Peter Feldtmose is in Chicago acting as private secretary to Bishop Nicholson and Bruce Cole is still on the border with his company. The absence of these men was somewhat offset on pledge day by a regular landslide to A. T. O.

This year A. T. O. is again amply represented on the football team. Graves is back and although handicapped with a bad shoulder and ankle is still the center of the team. Bingaman, Wright, Sells and Griffith are playing again this year, while Archie and Dunnagan are playing their first year on the varsity.

Several of the old men have been at the house this fall, including William Stubbs, Herbert Porterfield, William Billingsley, Nelson Goodsell, Ralph Anderson, Burd Sells, Ed Slocum, Charles Ensley, Harold Pote, Elbert Martin and Donald Rundeburg. We are certainly glad to have the old men come back and give us a chance to talk to the men who have shaped the ideals of our present bunch. If you ever have any extra time come down to Simpson for a day or two.

HOWARD O. SMITH.

IOWA.

Fourteen old brothers joined Worthy Master D. D. Reynolds on Wednesday, September 13th, to open Delta Beta's first year as a pan-hellenic chapter at Iowa. At the last moment Lester Sandahl, of Des Moines, and Harry Ashway, of Burlington, decided to attend the University of Pennsylvania, and Harold Clearman transferred to Ames. Louis Leighton was forcibly detained on the Mexican border, and Hal-

ford Barry was compelled to take charge of his father's business. Therefore, our expectation of over twenty men back was not realized.

Rushing was immediately begun. In this we were assisted by Paul B. Richard, of California Gamma Iota, whose affiliation we are pleased to announce; Carl Nevius, of Iowa Beta Alpha; Shaw, also of Iowa Beta Alpha, and Laughlin, of Wyoming Gamma Psi, the latter being a new member of our faculty. At present the chapter has nine pledges. Of these, Wilson is a brother of Dr. L. C. Wilson, '16, of Delta Beta, and Richard is a brother of Paul B. Richard. Beers has already distinguished himself by securing the freshman class presidency. Richard and Beers have made the university band, and Garlock the university orchestra. McNichols is playing freshman football. Chamberlain is a junior, and, together with Homer Roland, is editing the *Daily Iowan*.

The chapter has arranged for a series of parties at intervals of six weeks or so, and the first of these was held on October 6th at Company "A" Armory.

Louis Leighton returned from Brownsville, Texas, on furlough, and immediately started to school and went out for football, hoping to have his furlough extended when it expired. This week, however, he was compelled to return to his regiment.

D. D. Reynolds is our pan-hellenic representative. Ray Clearman is Y. M. C. A. president, and one of the directors of the *Daily Iowan*. Harold Stoner is playing football. Atwell Tally and Stoner are resuming work with the university Dramatic Club. RUSSELL W. LEMLEY.

IOWA STATE.

We have commenced what promises to be one of the best years for Iowa Gamma Upsilon. This summer the house was remodeled, so that we now have a large dining room, more commodious study rooms and a larger sleeping porch. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Stern, this work was undertaken and accomplished.

We have seven fine pledges and are glad to have with us this year Harold A. Clearman, who is an initiate of Iowa Delta Beta and who has affiliated. On September 11th we initiated two new men.

Stevens is vice president of the Engineering Society and editor of the *Iowa Engineer*. Stern has been appointed assistant editor of the *Iowa Engineer*. Nichols has been chosen a member of the play cast of the sophomore class play. We are represented on the sophomore football team by Linnan and on the freshman team by Paul Nunn and by Frank Rutter.

We gave our first dance on the evening of September 30th. It was, as usual, a most successful one. The Iowa-Ames game is to be played here on November 18th. We have planned to have the annual home-coming on that date and a dance that night. A great many

alumni are expected back for it, and we are looking for most of the Iowa chapter to be here also.

A chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was installed here last spring. Sigma Chi has recently granted a charter to one of the locals here. The interfraternity council is making a determined fight for lower initiation requirements. At present they are so high as to be deleterious to the various fraternities.

FULTON B. FLICK.

KANSAS.

With "pep" literally bubbling over in seventeen old men, in an affiliatè, William B. Cobb, of Wyoming, and in the alumni, Gamma Mu began what promises to be her best year. Thirteen men were pledged and one of them initiated.

Our rushing party, which was held at the house on September 22d, was a decided success. At present Gamma Mu is preparing to entertain all her alumni and the visiting Taus from Gamma Rho who will be here for the annual Kansas-Missouri football game on Thanksgiving. A banquet has been arranged by the Kansas City Alumni Association to be held in Kansas City the evening before the game for both the Missouri and Kansas chapters. Thursday night a dancing party will be given in honor of the visitors.

In school activities A. T. O. is well represented. Paul Greever is president of the Student Council. MacChilds is president of the junior pharmics. Earl Furgerson was initiated into Nu Sigma Nu. Norman Foster is pledged to Tau Beta Pi and Lewis Wheeler to Sigma Tau. Philip Dodderidge and Carl Campbell made Sphinx, an honorary freshman society. At present Jack Frost is our only representative on the football team and Harry Rinker our only one in track.

Gamma Mu intends to continue the publication this year of the *Gamma Mu News*. The first issue will be mailed on November 1st to all old men, giving them an idea of what the chapter is doing and news of the other men.

The chapter keenly feels the loss of the seniors and of John Campbell, Joe Cross, Frank Fisher and Dale Young, who were unable to return this year.

WALTER WEISSENBORN.

MINNESOTA.

Gamma Nu started the present collegiate year with an active chapter of fifteen men, four men having been lost by graduation and four men failing to return for various reasons. After the first four weeks we initiated three new men.

Rushing was a virtue this year and as a result of concerted effort upon the part of the whole chapter we are justly proud of nine pledges.

These have been picked from the largest number of recommended men Gamma Nu ever had to work with and those chosen are a choice lot. At a recent dance given in honor of the new freshmen, fifteen alumni were present, thus evincing a marked interest in this year's chapter.

Gamma Nu is fortunate in having so many men connected with university affairs of real importance. John L. Townley is tackle on the crack 1916 Minnesota football team; Charles W. Cole is a member of the All-University Council, as well as a member of Grey Friar, the honorary senior club. Theodore L. Sogard is colonel of the cadet corps. Arthur H. Melin is secretary of the Athletic Board of Control, and Addison H. Douglass is captain-elect of the basketball team, and is also a member of Grey Friar. The chapter is fortunate in having M. B. Chittick, formerly head of the Nebraska chapter, connected with Gamma Nu this year. He is instructing in the chemistry department.

An efficiency point system inaugurated by Charles W. Cole is a feature with us this year. As a result of this system, we hope to find out just who the active men in the chapter are and to spur those who have been less active "to jump in and get going."

M. M. LATTA.

MISSOURI.

During rushing season Gamma Rho has pledged twelve excellent freshmen. We feel that we have an exceptionally high class bunch of pledges, as they are good students as well as good mixers. Several of them entered as honor students, and their present work seems to indicate that they will be strong factors in bringing up the scholastic standing of this chapter for which we are diligently striving. In athletics two of our new men are assured of places on the freshman football team, while several others are showing ability at track.

Our active chapter is somewhat smaller than usual this year, but it is made up of a group of all-round men who work together harmoniously. We have upheld our social standing by giving several dinner parties and a "keen" dance. Earl Renick, Bob Simpson's running mate in the hurdles and dashes, is back again this year to repeat his track victories, and Armbrecht, with his ability in drop-kicking, should show up well at varsity football. "Jumbo" Farmer, shortstop on the baseball team, is now contemplating a trip with the team to Japan during next season. In the tennis tournament C. W. Herald, Jr., received a medal as "runner-up."

We have enjoyed visits this fall from the following: "Snooty" Hudson, Wilbur Hutsel, Clay Stark, Warren Viley, Bill Jennings, "Dutch" Schleicher, Allen Harvey, "Bev" De Vinna, "Mike" Spellman, Stockton Fountain, John Fountain and H. H. Nelson. Mershon, of Florida, who was touring the country, stopped in Columbia long enough to help us get a freshman from Alabama.

At present we are making preparations for the annual M. U. homecoming to be held on November 4th, when Missouri and Texas mix on the football field. This is one of the big games of the year and we are looking for a large number of the "old boys" to return.

J. R. Houx.

NEBRASKA.

Gamma Theta started the year with twenty-one old men back. Eight new men were pledged. Lester W. Carter, Wyoming chapter, became an affiliate. The new steward system has proved itself a success and the financial status of the fraternity was never better. Alpha Tau Omega stood second in scholarship among the national fraternities for the past semester.

Edson Shaw is playing tackle on Nebraska's football team. Barlow Nye, major of the university cadets, is still on the border. DeWitt Foster is business manager of the *Cornhusker*. Lyman Thomas is art editor of Nebraska's comic. DeWitt Foster and J. G. Elliott are members of the Dramatic Club, while Elliott is president of the Kosmet Klub.

Eight Alpha Taus made the trip to Oregon with the football team: E. J. Stewart as coach, G. E. Reed as director, Edson Shaw on the team, W. A. Shumacher, E. T. Bush, E. G. Moore and B. P. Pitman in the band and E. E. Angle as rooter.

Gamma Theta gave a dance for the pledges on September 29th and a hard-time party at the chapter house on October 28th.

Will Wenstrand, Ralph Weaverling, LeRoy Munson and Don Carnahan have visited us this year. R. R. Bragg, of Purdue, also made us a visit.

JOHN WENSTRAND.

WYOMING.

The present year promises to be the most successful in the history of Wyoming Gamma Psi. The chapter now has twelve pledges. All of these men are taking an active part in university activities as well as in chapter affairs. Perhaps the most noteworthy event of the year was the purchase of a building site for a future chapter house. The lot, located on the corner opposite the main entrance to the university campus, is the best possible site for a fraternity house. In order to make the purchase possible it was necessary to take out incorporation papers. Accordingly, the Wyoming Gamma Psi Building Company was incorporated for \$20,000, with Horace N. Wilcox, the Worthy Master, president; Beverly C. Daly, secretary, and Edwin Payson, the Worthy Keeper of Exchequer, treasurer.

A number of the men of the chapter have played in the football games of the season. Horace Wilcox, Potter Bowman and Lloyd Buchanan

each made their letter this year, and Robert Wallace and Ralph Immell both made good records in the games in which they played. Potter Bowman represents the chapter in the Student Association, and Wilcox is now chancellor of the American College Quill Club. Edwin Payson was re-elected president of the German Club; Bowman is president of the Agricultural Club, and Clarence Bastian holds a similar position in the Y. M. C. A. The three important positions on the *Wyoming Student* are held by A. T. O.'s. The editor is Don Shingler; associate editor, Tracy McCracken, and the business manager, Ben Appleby.

DON G. SHINGLER.

PROVINCE IV.

MAINE.

Beta Upsilon has started the college year with nineteen old men back. Nine freshmen have been pledged as well as four sophomores. These men look like very promising A. T. O. material.

Each member is working hard for Alpha Tau Omega. Stewart, '19, is playing on the varsity football team, while Jones, '19, is on the squad. Sargent, Barron and Eldridge made the freshman baseball team. Sargent, '20, and Stoddard, '17, are on the varsity cross-country team. Jortberg, '18, is president of the junior class. We have a man in the band and one in the Glee Club. Jortberg, '18, and Abbott, '18, were elected to the honorary Junior Mask Society. Stewart, '19, and Merrow, '19, were elected to the Sophomore Owls, an honorary sophomore society. Stoddard, '17, and Merrow, '19, are on the Student Council. Burke, '17, is on the blanket tax committee. Besse, '20, is out for football manager and Christianson, '20, is out for track manager. Abbott, '18, is manager of the varsity baseball team. Several other men are on committees and are very prominent in college affairs.

The annual initiation banquet is to be held at the Colonial House at Bangor, November 4th. Thomas Austin, ex-'09, will probably be the toastmaster. Last year there were about sixty brothers present and as many are expected this year.

We are glad to see Barker, ex-'18, and Weymouth, ex-'19, back at college. Barker was with the Second Regiment Band and Weymouth was in the Seventh Company of Bangor. Both returned from the Mexican border a short time ago.

Many graduates have visited us during the fall. Among them were: Milliken, '05; Boyle, '09; Burgess, '13; Carlton, '13; Amadon, '13; Goodwin, '15; Baker, '15; Drake, ex-'17; Roberts, '16.

L. EARLE MERROW.

COLBY.

When we came back this fall we found that the house had been repainted and papered, presenting one of the best interiors to be found on the campus.

Besides the seniors, we lost only four men this summer. The fourteen freshmen that we have pledged brings the chapter roll of Gamma Alpha up to a higher mark than for several years past.

Chase and MacCarthy returned late in October, full of tales of the Mexican border, and report that they met several Alpha Taus while in Texas. Waldron, who also spent his summer in the army, has transferred to the University of Indiana. Twichell tells us of an adventure by sea on the horse-boat Luceric and of his struggles trying to make the French understand "French as She is Taught."

Conlon, Coolidge, Bressett and Bucknam have earned their football "C's." Bressett was captain of the freshman baseball team on which we were represented by five players. Robert Gallier is president of the junior class; Tozier, vice president of the senior class; Coolidge was chosen secretary for the sophomores. Hall is president of the Republican Club; Campbell is in the band; Ferrell is a member of the Student Council.

We gained one upper classman this year, Wolcott Hayes, who transferred here from the University of Wisconsin. G. R. MACCARTHY.

M. I. T.

New and pleasant surroundings greeted the brothers on their return to Boston, a new house and a new school. Our new house is located at 336 Commonwealth Avenue, within easy access to the Harvard bridge and the new Technology in Cambridge. The interior of the house is very attractive and the arrangement of the rooms makes it ideal for our purposes. No fraternity at Tech can boast of a better one. Then, too, we find new school surroundings. The new buildings in Cambridge on the banks of the Charles are already changing the atmosphere of the school and are affording the activities that other colleges enjoy.

The chapter is fortunate in having so many old men return. Twenty men out of a possible twenty-two returned to school. Consequently we experienced no difficulty in rushing. We have not pledged an extremely large number of men, eight in all, but are extremely well satisfied with the quality of the men we have taken. During the rushing season the Tufts chapter co-operated with us, some of our rush men going to their house and some of their men coming here.

Each of the freshmen is out for some school activity. Elmer Griesemer is out for the job of manager of the track team. Weston Hadden is out for cross-country. William Sias is trying for the position of manager of the football team. Hedlund is a star performer on the violin and is almost certain to make the Tech orchestra. In fact, the necessity of school

activity is being emphasized more than ever this year. Men who have hitherto been associated with no school activity are now going out for them. Hackett is assured of a place on the four-oared crew, as he made it last year. Banks is out for the cross-country team. Cannon is on the Glee Club. Willey is out for a place on the *Tech* staff. Hall is treasurer of the inter-fraternity conference and is working for the position of manager of the crew. Shultz is leader of the Mandolin Club. Gardner is vice president of the Electrical Engineering Society. Marine is a member of Theta Tau. Gardner and Barry are members of Vectors. Hall is a member of the Beaver Club.

The chapter's first affair in the social line was a dinner and dance held at the house on Saturday, October 21st. Dinner was served at 6.30 and after this the first floor was given over to dancing. The music was especially good, the four-piece orchestra being assisted at times by some of the brothers. We plan to hold similar affairs nearly every month.

We have been favored by visits from several alumni. Rivers, of South Carolina Beta Xi, and Kellerson, of New York Beta Theta, are attending Harvard and visit us often. Joe Ockert, of Western Reserve, is now attending the institute and drops in to see us nearly every day. The following alumni from our own chapter have also been visitors: "Ted" Spear, "Pat" Horgan, Cary Easley, "Art" Nelson, "Jerry" Martin and "Shorty" Hooper. Lawton, of the Worcester chapter, was also a welcome visitor. We hope that more alumni than ever will visit us this year.

W. C. PATTERSON.

TUFTS.

Returning on September 17th, with twenty-one active brothers, Gamma Beta set out on one of the most energetic rushing campaigns ever attempted. There had been considerable preparation during the summer through writing prospective freshmen, and the rushing plan was to pledge men so as to balance the classes and abilities of the men. This has evidently been the result, for among our ten new men we have Ballou, captain and pitcher on the freshman team; Kelley, '20, and Cahoon, '20, on the varsity football squad; Barrow, '20, and Marshall, '20, in the Glee Club; Conn, '20, manager of freshman football; two pianists, Barrow and Marshall, of the freshman class. Two of the new men are sophomores, and Bickford is sure of making the Mandolin Club. The brothers engaged in activities are: Beacham, '19, as varsity tackle, a member of Sword and Shield, sophomore honorary society, and on the banquet committee. Symmes, who is president, and Leo Porter, a member, of the senior honorary society, Tower Cross. Hudson, Hubon, Eveleth and Beacham on the sophomore track team, scored 40 out of the total of 74½ points which the winners obtained in the 1919-1920 meet. Geer, as manager of the Glee and Mandolin Association, is arranging the schedule of the

"best musical clubs ever," and Porter, '18; Bickford, '19; Barrow, '20, and Marshall, '20, are members of the clubs. Geer is secretary of the newly organized college Republican Club. Symmes and Beattie, '19, are in charge of the college book store.

The chapter is planning to increase its social activities this year. We held a Hallow'een party on October 31st, which was successfully conducted. Our annual football banquet to the varsity team will take place at the close of the season, and we shall continue talks by professors, dance, initiation banquet, May 30th outing and dansants. A big "alumni night" is being planned, and it is hoped that all the alumni possible will return.

Several new features have been added to the chapter house. The store run by Stowell, '17, has been such a success that four new chairs and a Victrola have been purchased from the proceeds. Not content with this music, a six-piece orchestra has been formed, including White, '19, pianist; Bouve, '18, leader and flute; Stafford, '14 (who is living at the house), cornet; Beattie, mandolin; Bickford, mandola, and Eveleth, drum and traps. A committee is at work to arrange the building of a pool room, which the brothers of the 1914 class have promised, the recovering of the pool table and the building of a staircase leading to the room.

The biggest thing accomplished lately was the painting of our home. Realizing the need of an attractive fraternity house for rushing, a campaign was launched by Symmes, W. M., and by subscription of the brothers the work was accomplished. Indirect lighting has been installed throughout our lower floor, and now we can boast of the best appearing and the best adapted fraternity house on the Hill. We are proud, too, of the fact that the result of the scholarship contest of last year showed us as leading the national fraternities. But best of all is the co-operation, the interest and sacrifice of all the brothers to effect harmony, which has resulted in helping us to maintain the high standard of excellence of the last few years.

J. CLIFFORD GEER.

WORCESTER.

Gamma Sigma has pledged and initiated two seniors and seven freshmen since the opening of school, and one pledged freshman remains uninitiated.

The chapter took constructive action this fall in abolishing rough house initiation, substituting in its place an hour and a half of daily study during the initiation week on the history and government of the fraternity and chapter, which study terminates in the presentation of a thesis at the regular chapter meeting. The plan received the approval of the Alumni Association, of the Province Chief, and of the Worthy Grand Chief, and has worked out to the satisfaction of the active chapter.

The chapter is planning a big celebration on November 25th, when

the initiation banquet and Gamma Sigma's tenth anniversary festivities will be combined in one affair.

Chapter affairs are prospering, and Gamma Sigma's position in college activities remains high. G. M. Pomeroy has been elected delegate to the St. Louis Congress, with M. H. Teaze as alternate. Pomeroy has been re-elected senior class president, and he is president of the Tech Council and manager of the Book and Supply Department. Among other recent elections are N. P. Knowlton as junior class president; G. R. Roden, Jr., freshman vice president; H. R. Mossberg, freshman rope pull captain; J. H. Humphrey, secretary of the Athletic Association; Knowlton, treasurer of the Athletic Association; R. K. Prince, president of the Chemistry Club, and M. H. Teaze, president of the Civil Engineering Society. C. S. Darling has been chosen as the student member of the faculty committee on athletics, and Professor Butterfield is faculty treasurer. Tomblen was winner of the Worcester municipal tennis tournament and runner-up in the school tournament. E. V. Babbit is a member of the varsity cross-country team, and Mossberg is on the varsity football squad. Several other positions of importance previously reported indicate that the chapter maintains its usual high ranking in the esteem of the student body.

C. S. DARLING.

BROWN.

With the valuable asset of a splendid home Gamma Delta has entered upon the new year at Brown with renewed interest and vigor. The closing days of last year were replete with instances of the chapter's increasing power in the fraternity organizations of the college. The class day dance, at the close of the 1915-16 year, was successful in all respects, due primarily to the untiring labors of the men on the committee. Then came the summer and the call to the border for many of the boys. Worthy Master Robert T. Staples, Gerald D. Curtis, Edward P. Black and Charles Bagnall comprised the Gamma Delta delegation from Brown. On account of the existing agreement it is impossible for any of the fraternities here to rush freshmen until after November 1st, and then the season will have to close before Thanksgiving Day. It is possible, however, to consider members of the sophomore class, and at this writing the boys are now busy with that material. Indications point to a very satisfactory freshman delegation this year. At one of the recent meetings of the chapter it was resolved to institute a fraternity paper which will report to the alumni of the chapter the news of the chapter and of the college.

Slowly but surely the Gamma Delta delegation is beginning to play an active part in the social and athletic organizations of the university. There are now three men with the football squad, and one man on the *Brunonian*, Brown's monthly magazine. It is to be hoped that more

of the men will soon engage in those things that are of so great value to the fraternity and to themselves. With the graduating class of 1916, Gamma Delta bade good luck to three of the brothers, Henry Dursin, Jr., Gerald D. Curtis and Charles Levin. Curtis and Dursin are entering the business world, while Levin has decided to continue his studies at Johns Hopkins. With the return of the brothers from Texas, the chapter now consists of three seniors, three juniors and eight sophomores. Gamma Delta was glad to welcome to its fold this year Robert C. Moore, '18, from Beta Upsilon. Rudolph A. Gladue has returned to the chapter this year. The Gamma Delta representative at the St. Louis Congress this year will be Edward M. Knight, '17. H. T. SAMSON.

VERMONT.

All appearances seem to indicate that the present college year will be one of the most successful in the history of A. T. O. at Vermont. The chapter house which we acquired last year has proven satisfactory in every way, our men are taking a very prominent part in college activities, and the five freshmen whom we initiated are, in our opinion, the pick of the class.

All of the twenty-three active members returned to college this fall with the single exception of G. C. Stanley, '18, who injured his knee while in the militia service during the summer. The other six men who spent their vacation on the Mexican border were released from the service just in time to register on the opening day of college. And our numbers were still further increased by the return of Bruya, '18, who spent last year at Trinity.

These men are taking an even more prominent part than usual in college activities. Churchill was elected president of the senior class, which, as it carries with it the presidency of the Student Union, is by far the biggest office in college. H. V. Adams won us additional honor when he was elected president of the junior class. Lewis, Churchill and Root were on the stock judging team which competed at the National Dairy Show at Springfield, Massachusetts. R. W. Peden, '18, has been made assistant manager of the *Ariel*.

For some years past we have regretted that so few of our men have been able to win places for themselves on the football team. This year has seen a decided change in that respect. Aside from having both the manager (Sanders) and assistant manager (H. V. Adams), we have five men playing on the team: Plumb, Gilioli, Dutton, R. D. Adams and Blood. Furthermore, this team is showing up better than any team which Vermont has had for some years, having won every game played, with the single exception of the Columbia game, which was lost only 6 to 0.

The rulings of the inter-fraternity conference regarding rushing were changed considerably from last year, the principal difference being the shortening of the neutral period to ten days. Under this system we had remarkable success, pledging all the men whom we bid. Of these, Plumb and Gilioli are doing great work on the varsity football team; Blood is showing up well on the squad and Chamberlain would undoubtedly have found a place if he had not received an injury to his knee. Although Adams, the other initiate, is not a football man, he is none the less promising. We also pledged one sophomore, C. W. Horton, who won high honors in scholarship last year. The fraternity as a whole now ranks third in the scholarship rating.

It was something of a coincidence that Province Chief Macomber should arrive on the very afternoon when our freshmen were signing their bids and receiving a warm welcome at the house.

Our initiation banquet which is to be formal will be held at the Hotel Vermont, the evening of November 13th. We are all looking forward to this occasion and hope to see many of our alumni back.

R. C. BROWN.

PROVINCE V.

ST. LAWRENCE.

Alpha Omicron opened the year with a rush. Ten freshmen have been pledged as a result of some remarkable rushing during the first days of the term. We simply had things our own way as regards the entering class this year. The class elections recently held are a further cause for elation, as two of the new presidents, H. S. Sutton, '17, and H. F. Martin, '19, are Taus. Besides this, Hazen, '17, was recently elected editor-in-chief of the college weekly, and he, with R. P. Taylor, '17, as managing editor, and two A. T. O. assistants, now represent the chapter on the *Hill News*—a rather substantial representation. C. L. Frost, '17, is another of our journalists and holds the position of editor-in-chief of the *Laurentian*, the college monthly. His first assistant is H. S. Sutton, '17, and other Taus on the *Laurentian* staff are F. W. Miller, '18, and W. B. Coston, '19. M. J. Whittemore, '18, is a member of the business staff of this magazine. Manager Chappell, '17, does not lack for the company of fraternity brothers on the football trips this fall, as Lynch, '17; Noble, '18; Reynolds, '18; Scribner, '18, and Donidee, '20, are always with him. Great credit is also due to several under classmen brothers who are working gamely and consistently on the squad and looking toward making their letters in the future.

Due to the late opening of college and the press of work up to date, the chapter has as yet done no entertaining. Plans are pending, however, for a formal party some time early in December.

During the summer remarkable news reached the brothers that our chapter again leads the men in scholarship, and further that our average even exceeded that of one of the sororities. The fraternity scholarship report for the last semester of last year shows A. T. O. not only carrying and passing a larger number of hours than any other men's fraternity, but doing this with an average of 81.01 per cent., or .78 *per cent. above the general college average.* The nearest competitor was 5 points below.

H. S. SUTTON.

CORNELL.

The chapter house of New York Beta Theta was visited by fire on September 21st, two weeks before the opening of the university. Practically the entire first floor was ruined and the second and third floors were damaged by smoke and heat. Work on the house is being rushed through and the dining room has been in use for two weeks. The bedrooms and studies have also been made livable, but the remainder of the first floor will not be completed until after the holidays.

First-term rushing is again in effect at Cornell. The date for bidding is set for November 10th, and the initiation banquet will take place about two weeks later.

J. D. Masson is on the varsity football squad; A. W. Winship, A. W. Ward, D. J. Howard and V. H. Schnee are men whom we expect to win places on the basketball squad; H. C. Drescher is practicing fall lacrosse. C. Cristie and E. D. Upstill are in the competition for manager of track; E. S. DeWitt is in the football competition; V. H. Schnee is in the competition for baseball manager, and N. H. Long is working hard in the competition for manager of the Musical Clubs. E. S. Barrington and R. B. Bowles are in the competition for Minor Sports managers. C. C. Woodruff, A. L. Culbertson, C. R. Roche and E. D. Upstill are members of the Mandolin Club, and will probably play with the clubs on their Christmas trip.

Several alumni, including F. O. Affeld, J. S. Truman and H. D. Kneeland, have been back since the fire and have offered us valuable suggestions as to rebuilding. Pennel, Ohio Alpha Nu, visited us for a short time and we hope more brothers will visit us if they pass through Ithaca.

HERBERT C. DRESCHER.

MUHLENBERG.

Alpha Iota's ranks were greatly depleted by graduation and by the failure of several brothers to return to college, and at the beginning of this term only eighteen brothers were on hand. However, two of the men who were uncertain came back, and early in October we succeeded in pledging and initiating two new men. Of these, Fitzgerald is an "M"

man in basketball, varsity track captain and president of the senior class, while Taylor is an "M" man in both football and track.

Excellent fraternity material is present in the freshman class, and we are carrying on our rushing in conformity with the rules of the college, which forbid pledging of new men until after the first term. Several smokers have been held and indications are that we will be able to "button" a good group of freshmen.

Founders' Day was celebrated Thursday night, October 20th, with a banquet at the Allentown Elks' Club, about fifty Taus being present. Worthy Grand Keeper of the Exchequer Max Erdman presided. Claude T. Reno, editor of the *PALM*, gave an interesting history of the Fraternity's founders. Especially gratifying to the active chapter was the large number of older alumni who were on hand.

In college activities we are living up to the usual standard of A. T. O. Lawrence Caskey is football captain, and Heuer is playing regularly at halfback. Several other of the brothers are on the squad. Charles Steel was injured early in the season and has been hobbling about on crutches for the last month. Hummel is manager of the Glee Club; Keck, president, and Miller, assistant manager. Fitzgerald and Leemhuis are in the Round Table, the honorary upper class society of Muhlenberg.

We were glad to welcome Baker, who is attending Bucknell, at the Bucknell-Muhlenberg football game. Among the alumni who have paid us visits are Stolzenbach, L. Frey, H. Frey, Unangst, C. Raker, Groff, Keiter, Witmer, R. Raker and R. Miller.

RAYMOND LEEMHUIS.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Alpha Pi opened this year in the most flourishing condition that she has ever known. We have sixteen active men back and at present have eleven pledges. All of them are men of the sort who will make good Alpha Taus.

We are better represented this year in football than usual, for we have nine men on the squad, five of whom are regulars and are picked to start in practically every game of importance. We are also well supplied with basketball material and expect to be well represented on the varsity.

In the last class elections we secured six officers in the various classes, which is very good considering the keenness of the competition.

This year we have adopted the matron system in the house and it has been eminently successful. It has also met with the approval of our alumni who have been back. Another innovation this year has been adopted in the plan of sending one man every week to Pittsburgh, at the expense of the chapter, to the luncheon held every Saturday in the

Fort Pitt Hotel. This has been done to keep the men in closer touch with the alumni.

J. A. Lewis has been elected as a delegate to the biennial Congress in St. Louis.

We expect to hold an initiation on November 4th and seven men will be initiated.

D. I. McALISTER.

LEHIGH.

To the brothers in the business world, also native and foreign brothers of Alpha Rho, we wish to thank you and your chapter for your splendid support rendered by all during our rushing season. We have worked faithfully to do our part, and thus keep up the good work you have started, but we are behind our goal. At the present we have only six pledges.

However, in no form of apologies to our unsuccessful attainment of our goal which was ten new men, we ask the alumni and other brothers of Alpha Tau Omega to please consider the conditions which exist at Lehigh. We are not as fortunate as Pennsylvania Tau, New York Beta Theta or Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, where the field is broad and extensive. As it is we have failed, but only for the present. We intend to work all the harder and our rushing committee is one which will be in existence all the year, and not, as in the past, for rushing season only.

The initiation ceremony was a success and we can boast of it in years to come. The chapter played its role nobly, but the success of the day was due to the presence of Doctor Reese (Pennsylvania Alpha Iota), who gave us a most instructive talk on our Fraternity. This address was delivered as a climax to an informal dinner given in honor of the new men, and it well served its purpose.

It is with regret that the chapter has failed to issue the *P. A. R. Sheet*. But we promise our alumni to issue the current news in the *PALM*. We will strive harder than ever to get out the *P. A. R. Sheet* in the near future, and thus get in direct communication with our alumni.

As it is we invite all Alpha Taus to our chapter house. The latch string is always out. Come—pay us a visit—you are heartily welcome.

In the last month we have been favored with visits from Sturgis, Briton, O. S. Newman (Kentucky Mu Iota) and our boys on the football team of Washington and Lee while on their way to West Point.

WILLIAM T. STAATS.

GETTYSBURG.

Alpha Upsilon resumed activity on September 20th, coincident with the reopening of college. On Friday evening, September 22d, we held our usual opening dance. Thus far only fifteen men of last year's chapter have returned, but in the course of a few weeks we expect to increase our number to twenty-two by the initiation of seven new men.

The chapter is extensively preparing to celebrate the Hallowe'en season with a dance on Tuesday, October 31st. This function will probably outdo any other of like character ever held by this chapter.

We are represented in practically every form of student activity. Leon R. Mead is student manager of football, and also president of the Engineering Society. James A. Hatch is manager of basketball for the coming season. A. R. Carlson and John McCollough have been elected president and vice president, respectively, of the Student Council, the student governing body. Louis K. Scheffer is assistant business manager of the 1918 *Spectrum* staff. Clifford Z. Moyer and Ben Bryant are playing varsity football. W. S. Mellinger is vice president of the junior class. Louis K. Scheffer is custodian of the junior class, and Arthur W. Glunt, W. S. Mellinger, John McCollough and Walter K. Thrush have retained their places on the musical clubs. Several other capable men are running for offices and positions of merit, but the results have not been announced.

The list of alumni that have favored us with recent visits is entirely too large to publish, and we hope that this condition will continue in the future.

STEWART E. DUFF.

[PENN STATE.

Gamma Omega is again back to the game after a summer which proved both profitable and enjoyable to many of us. At graduation Baughman, Pickett, Powell, Dimmig, Courson, Fisher, Brennen, Bishop, Colegrove and Easby were lost to the chapter. They are all well situated in their various occupations and will without a doubt uphold the name of Alpha Tau wherever they are. Of the undergraduates, Longdon and Etter failed to return, having been forced to give up college for business. Amthor of the senior class is at present stationed on the border with his company and it is doubtful whether he will return this fall. All of the present chapter, with the addition of Bishop, Longdon and Etter, were on hand to see that we were not behind in getting pledges. Things went off with a rush and as a result we have pledged eight men.

Last year Gamma Omega again got third in the inter-fraternity scholarship contest. This year the boys are all grinding away and it looks as if the cup is ours.

Initiation was held on October 15th, at which time three pledges were made brothers in Alpha Tau. Since the pan-hellenic forbids the initiation of first-year men until after the second grades are received no freshmen were taken in.

Most of the brothers are interested in some form of scholastic activities. Of the senior class, Snyder is leader of the band and president of the orchestra. Langenberg and Cadigan are also in the band. Fair is cheer leader. Lewis is out for lacrosse. The junior class is well represented. MacMain is in the band, orchestra, Glee Club and varsity quartet. Cze-

necki is a member of the football team and heavyweight wrestler. Shirk is lightweight wrestler. Braker is in the Mandolin Club, is assistant cheer leader and is interested in Y. M. C. A. work. Wilson is in the Mandolin Club and Glee Club. In the sophomore class, Unger is class president, a member of the Student Council and on the varsity football squad. On the varsity soccer squad Shenton, Smith and Ellinger are struggling hard for positions. Shenton is also out for the art staff of *Froth*. Hartman is out for wrestling. The freshmen are exceptionally well represented. Carl Rieck, who was a member of the chapter several years ago when he took a two-year course in agriculture, is back with us this year taking a course in engineering as a freshman. He is out for the *Collegian* and *Froth* boards. Brown, Dunbar and Lake are on the freshman football team and are making good. Griffiths is freshman cheer leader. Grove is out for the freshman wrestling team and should be able to land a berth. Bailey, a member of the junior class whom we have just pledged, is a very popular man in his class. He is secretary of the junior class, stands well in his studies and was in the Student Tribunal last year and was re-elected to the same office this year. He is assistant cheer leader this year and stands a wonderful chance of being head cheer leader next year.

All of last year's faculty brothers are here with the exception of Alberts, who is situated in Camden, New Jersey. With us this year is Fessenden, of the Missouri Gamma Rho chapter, who has been made head of the mechanical engineering department of this college. He is taking an active interest in our chapter, as are Cates, Ham, Smith and Severson.

On Friday, October 13th, notwithstanding the apparent ill omen of the day, Gamma Omega celebrated its first dance. Nearly the entire chapter had partners and a joyful evening resulted.

We are always glad to see the old boys come back for a visit. Those who have visited us this year were Longdon, Etter and Bishop. Baker, of the Washington and Jefferson chapter, also made a visit.

M. J. WILSON.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The inter-fraternity agreement between the Pennsylvania fraternities has been again adopted and Pennsylvania Tau is planning a great rushing season when the ban has been lifted at the opening of our second term. Our members will appreciate the co-operation of other chapters in the suggestion of valuable men here whom we might possibly overlook.

Our home has again been filled with a studious set of fellows and we expect to stand high scholastically this year.

We are well represented in every branch of college activity. Howard Berry, the famous athlete, has returned from the Mexican border and

ably upholds old football honors. Louis Little, a recent "pledge," is also on the Penn football team. Stanley Joy, Kenneth Shivery and Henry Bourne are on the squad. Walter Peterson is on the Penn lacrosse team. Asa Baker is a member of the soccer squad. Edward Sewell is again with us and will pole vault.

In the editorial world Arthur Eissing is news editor of the *Pennsylvanian* and associate editor of the *Red and Blue* and the *Punch Bowl*. Herbert Collins is assistant business manager of the *Pennsylvanian*.

George Walton was recently elected assistant manager of the tennis team. Charles Keeley was also elected manager of the fencing team. Donald Prescott represents us in the competition for soccer managership.

We are pleased to state the affiliation of Paul Bittner, coming to us from Alpha Iota, and of Charles McFall, from Alpha Upsilon.

DALTON B. FALON.

PROVINCE VI.

NORTH CAROLINA.

We came back to Chapel Hill this fall with only eight men in the active chapter. Nor was the outlook very promising. For the first week we kept things going until time for initiations. Tom DaVane, Hugh Smith, E. P. Pendergrass, George Wall, Hoke Black and K. O. Burgwyn were here for the initiation.

Our prospects for next year are, as is usual at this time, good. The present freshman class is showing some good material. We are counting on our share of them.

Practically all of us are doing some extra curriculum work now. Hugh Black gets in all the football games and his chances are good for the coming ones. He was initiated into the Junior Order of Gimghouls a few weeks ago. Julian Hester reached the finals in the fall tennis tournament. Henry Wilson is also playing a good game and stands a good chance for the team. Pete Poag has made the Glee Club, and Hester is a substitute. Priestly Conyers is assistant leader of the fall dance of the German Club. Dougald MacMillan is out for the cast in the Dramatic Club's fall production.

Just before school opened we sold a part of our lot, useless to us; so we feel in good shape financially.

We have had visits from the Trinity chapter, individually and collectively, McLewis several times, and several others whom we are always glad to see.

W. DOUGALD MACMILLAN.

TRINITY.

North Carolina Xi began her year this fall under very unfortunate circumstances. Three of the most reliable members of the chapter,

for one reason or another, found it impossible to return to Trinity for this session. John O. Durham, in the moments of tension which accompanied the critical point of the Mexican situation, cast his lot with the militia from his home town and is now with the American troops on the border. J. E. Bennett, who would have been a junior this year, is at present in the hardware business with his father. A. J. McKinnon, Jr., whom we had relied upon to be with us this year, is also helping his father.

Thus only six men returned to constitute our chapter's membership. E. S. Savage, of the class of 1915, came back to college this year to enter the law school and affiliated himself with the chapter.

The mere fact that we have such a small number of active men this year has only made us work the harder and the more concertedly for getting the lines drawn on seven or eight good freshmen for the regular pledging time in December. The prospects now look exceedingly bright.

In the last initiation of seven new members into the Red Friars, a senior honor organization, our chapter was fortunate enough to get two men, J. H. Ruff and J. O. Durham.

We have recently been favored with visits from several of our brothers from the university chapter and also one from Charles F. Matton, who graduated last year.

BANKS ARENDELL.

CHARLESTON.

Beti Xi began this year with eleven men from last year's chapter. Robert Foster, late of Tennessee Pi, has matriculated at the college, and more lately become affiliated with us. He is a most welcome addition to the chapter. William Rhett is at present with the troops in Texas, but expects to resume his studies as soon as the South Carolina regiments are dismissed. The freshman class is sadly lacking in material and so far we have bid and pledged only one.

As usual the members of the chapter are among the leaders in all phases of college life. J. I. Waring, Jr., is president of the Chrestomathic Literary Society, chairman of the college ball, vice president of the German Club and vice president of the Athletic Association. T. D. Dotterer is president of the sophomore class. E. P. Ravenel is secretary and treasurer of the Athletic Association and manager of the basketball team. C. W. Bailey is treasurer of the German Club. C. W. Waring, J. I. Waring and L. M. Cheves are trying for places on the basketball team, while in track we will probably be represented by C. W. Waring, J. I. Waring, Dotterer, Mitchell and Cheves.

We are pleased to hear that the A. T. O.'s in the South Carolina regiments intend to spend some of their next month's salary in having a big get-together in El Paso. Owing to the fact that a large percentage of our old stand-bys are on the border, our alumni attendance so far this

year has been slight. Discounting old Beti Xi men, we have had the pleasure of entertaining Oliver B. Chisolm and Harry Bull, both of Tennessee Omega.

EDWARD MANIGAULT.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Virginia Beta has entered upon the session of 1916-17 with the most promising year in its history in view. Four excellent goats have been pledged and three transfers joyfully received, bringing the total enrollment to twenty-one.

On the football field, Cy Young, as captain of a great team, is starring for his fourth year in the backfield, while Larkin and Adams, both new men, hold down regular positions at end and halfback, respectively. Wadsworth and Scovell have accompanied the team on all its trips as substitutes. Young was also elected captain of baseball at the close of last season, giving this versatile athlete the captainship of all four varsity teams during his student career, besides having been awarded the William Graham cup as the best all-round athlete.

In managers Virginia Beta is exceedingly wealthy. J. B. Wadsworth is manager of baseball; J. B. Gladney, manager of track; Allein Beall, assistant manager of football; E. D. Crocheron, assistant manager of baseball, and M. W. Paxton, Jr., assistant manager of basketball. B. F. Woodruff is manager of the university supply store, while T. S. Jones again heads the band and Wadsworth manages the Glee Club.

At the recent elections of the junior ribbon societies and the Cotillion Club, E. L. Gladney was honored with membership in P. A. N.; T. H. Scovell, E. D. Campbell and L. W. Morgan in White Friar, while the election of Gladney, Scovell and E. D. Crocheron into the Cotillion Club of forty-five members, gives the chapter one-fourth of the organization. In addition, Jesse Wadsworth was chosen president of White Friar to lead the P. A. N. W. F. German and Cy Young will lead the final ball, the most coveted social honor in college.

Several days before the opening of the university Matthew W. Paxton, Jr., won for the second consecutive time the state golf championship of Virginia.

Virginia Beta was accorded sixth standing in scholarship for last session out of the fourteen national fraternities. The chapter enjoys frequent visits from Captain Brown, of the V. M. I., a brother from Massachusetts Beta Gamma, and a great addition to the local fraternity.

MATTHEW W. PAXTON, JR.

PROVINCE VII.

MOUNT UNION.

The opening of the school year found Alpha Nu with twenty-two old men back for work. The spirit with which all work in connection with school and fraternity is being grasped is remarkably good and every effort is being made to get a strong start and to keep up the lick.

Fletcher is editor of the *Unonian* and assistant editor of the *Dynamo*, the college weekly. Walker is student manager of the *Dynamo* and Andler is student football manager. We have Bowman, Lindsay, Ramsayer, Nycamp and McLean on the varsity football squad. Two freshman pledges have located on the freshman squad so far.

Six men have been pledged since the close of the rushing season. This number will bring our chapter to a conservative and agreeable total.

On October 21st, in honor of the Case football game at Mount Union, Ohio Alpha Nu entertained her alumni at the Hotel Lexington. Fifty of the "old boys" were back and the evening was spent in informal entertainment in connection with a sumptuous banquet. Definite action was taken in the matter of a new chapter house and the enthusiastic manner in which the alumni rallied to the support of the campaign made the hearts of the active men glad. We are assured by them of an active interest in the framing and carrying out of all building plans, and this assurance practically guarantees us a new house in the near future.

RAY L. McLEAN.

WITTENBERG.

The fall session opened with a boom, and Alpha Psi was off with the crash. We gave them all a run for their money and might say from an unprejudiced standpoint that we stand right at the top notch this year.

We have a fine bunch of pledges with a total number of eleven. In athletics Ruben Betchtel, our captain, is playing his old position at quarter and is showing fine form and generalship. Reed Kuhns and Hubert Shook are also on the squad.

The Glee Club is a big organization about the school and it makes some fine trips during the school year, and we have five men on the regular club with one man on the substitute list. The regulars are as follows: Elton Ketch, Reed Kuhns, Hubert Shook, Willard Weigel and Frank M. Burns. Elmer Mouk is the member on the substitute list this year and all in all we think this makes a very good representation for Alpha Psi.

We are going to hold initiation on November 8th. Dr. Tom Phillips entertained the chapter and some alumni with a rarebit party on the night of October 17th. We are to be his guests at his home on Wednesday, November 1st, and will participate in a party of the same nature as before

and which we all always thoroughly enjoy. On November 24th we will hold our first semester dance at the chapter house.

Ruben Betchtel was chosen as delegate to Congress and Arthur Endter was the alternate selected.

The chapter is laying plans for the state conclave which is to be held here some time in March. We anticipate a big time and extend a hearty welcome to all our brothers to enjoy the festivities with us.

We have received visits from the following brothers and alumni: James Thorpe, W. O'Brien, Rev. A. H. Kuhlman, J. P. Clingerman, E. W. Woodward, Downing Beach, Rev. Geo. B. Schmidt and Rev. E. C. Dolbeer.

FRANK M. BURNS.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

Beginning the year under a handicap due to the fact that only eight initiated men returned, Beta Eta rallied loyally and had a very successful rushing season and we have now eight new men in our ranks, all of whom we are justly proud and who will make good Alpha Taus.

In college activities we are well represented, having two men on the varsity football squad, and two on the freshman team. Berry, our Worthy Master, is editor of the *Idol*, the comic paper of the school, and a member of the *Bijou* staff. Miller and Brooks are members of the Glee Club. Miller also sings in the chapel choir. McCown is a member of Gamma Phi, the strong arm organization of the college. Peat and Hulse are members of the Y. M. C. A. Council.

On Saturday, October 21st, Leon Brooks was initiated into the mysteries and brotherhood of Alpha Tau Omega. Brooks is a sophomore this year.

We have with us this year Bill Becker from the Wittenberg chapter, Alpha Psi.

We have had visits from the following brothers since school opened: Heath, Gamma Beta; Armstrong, Beta Omega; J. J. Hulse, Lingo, Bishop Baker, Carpenter, Reick, Parks, Knodle, Graham, Vogler, Reid, Simpkins, R. Smith, V. Smith, Black and Fair, of our own alumni.

H. A. McCown.

OHIO STATE.

Ohio Beta Omega came back to find a new dining room and kitchen installed in the basement of the chapter house. The work was done under the supervision of Carl Block and Joseph Mounts, of Columbus. We now have an up-to-date chapter house.

Three hundred guests attended the house-warming reception given by the chapter on Saturday afternoon and evening, October 28th. The house was decorated throughout with chrysanthemums and roses. Corsage bouquets of sweet peas and roses were worn by the hostesses,

while each lady guest was given a white tea rose as a favor. Luncheon was served to all in the new dining room throughout the afternoon and evening. Among the guests were members from the other chapters over the state.

The new dining room, together with the fine condition in which Block kept the house during the summer, seemed to act as a tonic to the fellows. Everybody got busy during the rushing season and at the end of two weeks twelve of the best freshmen on the campus were wearing the crescent and three stars.

An informal dance was given in honor of the pledges on October 7th. This was followed by a dinner dance on October 20th.

In campus activities Ohio Beta Omega is well represented with two men on the Student Council; one in Strollers, dramatic; two on the *Lantern* staff; one on the *Makio* staff; one in Sigma Delta Chi; one in Toastmasters, honorary; three in the Glee Club; two in the military band, and three on the freshman football squad of twenty-five. For the third successive year we have a member of Sphinx, senior honorary society.

Byron Shaffer and Oscar Eaton have been forced to drop out of school because of sickness, but both will be back the second semester. The following out-of-town alumni have visited the house this year: W. S. Wabnitz, '16; Melvin Ryder, '15; George Little, '14; Otto Spangler, '14; Harold Fitzpatrick, ex-'16, and Curtis Latimer, ex-'11.

W. W. MOUCH.

RESERVE.

The opening of school in September found Gamma Kappa with an active chapter much smaller than usual. Eleven men returned to find the chapter house in very poor condition. Within a week, and before the rushing season had started, we procured a new house, moved and settled. The present home is much larger and better suited for our purpose. We will be glad to welcome any of the brothers at the new address, 11447 Euclid Avenue.

The freshman class was large, and after a very successful rushing season, during which all of the brothers pulled together, we put the button on eight freshmen and one sophomore. They are getting into the spirit of things and every one is promising material for a good Alpha Tau.

The chapter has recently been augmented by the affiliation of A. L. Fair, of Ohio Beta Eta, who has entered Reserve as a sophomore.

The lack of numbers has not seriously handicapped us in school activities, since we are represented in every branch. Young, '17, is president and leader of the musical clubs. Carlson, '17, is captain of the basketball team, and Coen, '17, is sure of his place at guard. McCon-

oughey, '18, is assistant manager of the musical clubs, and is also a member of the annual board. Erb, '18, is back at his center job on the football team, and Clippinger, '19, is playing an end. Wolfe, '20, is playing on the freshman team. Trout, '19; Faris, '20, and Shreiber, '20, are members of the musical clubs.

On October 11th the annual pledge dance was held at the College Club. Thirty-five couples attended. Among the alumni present were: R. A. Gibson, Alpha Nu; J. F. and C. W. Potts, Beta Eta; Sam Strong, Mu Iota, and D. H. McIntosh, G. H. Stewart, W. S. Koones, M. B. Gessaman, L. G. Smith, C. E. Wolfe and N. A. Schuele, all of Gamma Kappa.

On October 28th a party was held at the house. Dancing during the evening was followed by a supper at midnight.

At present the brothers are planning to send a large delegation to the Congress. Five or six active men have made arrangements to attend.

N. J. McCONOUGHY.

PROVINCE VIII.

KENTUCKY.

The University of Kentucky celebrated her fiftieth anniversary October 14th with a golden jubilee that, as the *Kentucky Kernel* said, "was the most unique event of its kind ever held in the South." The alumni were back in large numbers to "take in the various events, to give and to hear excellent addresses and later to take a sad farewell of their alma mater."

Mu Iota was honored at this time with visits from E. A. Ewan, J. T. Taylor, Kenneth Bixby, M. A. Reimers, O. A. Kirkpatrick, "Billy" Wallace, "Dunk" Hamilton and Prichard and Carmen, of Tennessee Pi. This just gave us a taste of the joy that will be ours in being the hosts of many Alpha Taus during the home-coming that will be held in Lexington around February 27th. We will do all in our power to give *you* the most rousing time you ever had. Come!

We are mighty glad to be able to report that we regained our place at the top of the scholarship ladder last spring. We had the highest percentage of grades passing and came second in percentage of "A" and "B" grades.

Eighteen of the twenty-three active men in last year's chapter are back and, together with ten as fine goats as ever wore the crescent and three stars, are working to make A. T. O. mean the best and to be of service to U. K.

Howard Kinne, E. N. McIlvain and "Shorty" Heick are varsity football men this season. Kinne is star end and substitute quarter; "Mack" is playing a good game at fullback, and "Shorty" is doing good work at tackle.

Bart N. Peak, with "Shorty" Heick as alternate, have been elected to represent the chapter at the twenty-fifth Congress at St. Louis in December. Three Mu Iotas, G. H. Hill, F. O. La Master and Bart N. Peak, became members last spring of Lamp and Cross, the honorary senior fraternity here. This shows how Alpha Tau men stand in the opinion of the seniors, the mighty jurors.

The chapter left the home at 313 East Maxwell Street for a larger one nearer the university at 358 South Upper Street. We expected to serve meals in the house this year, but have not as yet. We are working to make that possible later on.

Just now we are looking forward to a visit from "Dad" Brigman and to the jokes and stories he always has with him. H. L. MILWARD.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.

Tennessee Alpha Tau lost a number of its old men by graduation and other reasons, but returned several of its most ardent workers, who have succeeded in building up the chapter to almost the same strength as last year. It is stronger in the class of men we have pledged, but not as strong in numbers.

Several informal outings and parties have been given. One evening all the members accompanied by their lady friends visited the Dunlop Flour Mills, another evening was spent at Palisade Rock, where flows a beautiful clear spring. A large fire was made and bacon toasted, while a constant chatter and frequent songs disturbed the slumbers of the owls. The third entertainment was given at the hall on Hallow'en night. The room was divested of furniture and the floor covered with leaves six inches deep, while cornstalks and carved pumpkins helped to make the room look very farm-like. Various Hallow'en games were played and delicious refreshments served.

A new system has been inaugurated whereby new men are made more familiar with the various workings of the fraternity. Each week we devote a certain time to discussions regarding various parts of the handbook, constitution, etc. This not only affords the new men an opportunity of becoming more familiar with the affairs of the fraternity, but it also enables the old men to keep these things fresh in their minds. The old men want to be thoroughly informed, so they read to keep ahead of the new men. Once a month we go through the initiation service. An old brother assumes the part of candidate and the new men are assigned various offices and their parts. We alternate each month. We find that in this way we always have new men familiar with any part, and in the event he is needed he has been trained and able to take the role without hesitation, and when men are graduated we have men to take their places who are competent. We have tried this plan and it works. We have further found that the more information the new men receive, the

more interested they become, and as a result we have interesting meetings as well as a live chapter. We ask other chapters to try this if they have not already done so and see if it will not increase interest and enthusiasm.

Two of the brothers have made varsity football, as well as one of the pledges.

We are looking forward to the coming Congress with interest, and we are hoping that it will be one of the best in the history of A. T. O.

A. Bosch.

VANDERBILT.

With a good enrollment in all departments, a large freshman class, a good football team and assurances of another million dollar endowment, Vanderbilt is entering upon the year of 1916-17 with the brightest of prospects. The football team looks better than it has in several years, and the recent victory over the University of Virginia has put southern championship hopes into the breast of the Commodore.

As Vanderbilt is prospering, so is Tennessee Beta Pi. We were fortunate in returning twenty-three men. Conyers and Kirby, transfers from Tennessee Beta Tau, are affiliating with us. In the rushing season, A. T. O. got her share of the good men in pledging.

As to university activities and honors, Beta Pi is holding her own with a good representation in all branches. In the two class elections held thus far, Shannon was elected president of the senior academic class; Ford, honor committeeman of the juniors, and Almon, secretary and treasurer of the juniors. Of the twelve fraternities, A. T. O. took fifth place in scholarship during the past year. Ellis won the founders' medal in the academic department. In literary work we are exceptionally well represented. Shannon is editor-in-chief and Evans is assistant editor of the *Commodore*, our annual. Evans is athletic editor of the *Hustler*, and Wills, Heathcock and Barber are on the staff. Almon is managing editor of the *Observer*, and Wills is on the staff. Shannon and Almon are members of the Calumet Club. Heathcock represents us on the Prentices, and Wills and Rooks in the Blue Pencil Club. Seawright is a member of the Commodore Club. Evans and Johnson are Owls. Shannon is a charter member of the Mad-Hatters. Thompson was elected last spring to the Tau Kappa Alpha debating fraternity. Ellis is vice president of the Dramatic Club, and Thompson is publicity manager. Wills is a member of the Student Council. "Chille" Carman is holding down his old position at guard on the football team. Berryhill and S. Norvell are on the varsity squad. Blanks, McGaughy, S. Carman, Conyers, Moore, Scott, Rooks and V. Norvell are on the scrubs. Ford is now defending his tennis title. Motlow will make a strong bid for a place on the track team, as will Blanks and Berryhill on the baseball team.

Sam Costen, an old Vandy quarterback, has been back helping Coach McGugin to round the backfield into shape. The other Beta Pi alumni who have visited us are: Ragsdale, Logan, Robinson, Davidson and Thompson. Schneider and Montgomery, of Tennessee Omega, were down for the Virginia game. The latch string, as ever, is out at Tennessee Beta Pi. Brothers are welcome at all times.

CLOPPER ALMON.

UNION.

Beta Tau did not lose any of its members by graduation, but only six out of a possible ten returned. Six new men were pledged, four of whom have already been initiated, making a chapter roll of ten. There are no pledging rules at Union and we go after promising men as soon as they enter school. The old men not returning are Conyers, who has entered Vanderbilt this year; Arnold and Phillips, who are attending law school, and Crockett, who went to Mississippi College.

We are represented in football by Wagster, Johnson, Burks, Wiggs, Bandy, Tatum and Crutcher. Wagster is captain and Johnson, who is coaching, is one of the best all-round athletes in this section of the country. Muse won the consolation singles at the Country Club tennis tournament. Koffman is business manager of the *Cardinal and Cream*, the weekly publication of the students. Tatum is associate editor and the staff is largely composed of Alpha Taus. Tatum and Burks are presidents of the junior and sophomore classes, respectively. All the fellows are actively engaged in college activities.

Union University is enjoying one of the most prosperous years of its whole career and as is natural we are sharing in the general prosperity. The enrollment has increased to four hundred and we are very sanguine regarding the future of Alpha Tau Omega in Union. JOHN TATUM.

SEWANEE.

Tennessee Omega this year returned ten men. We were sorry to see that Ellerbe had deserted us for Wofford College and that Garland had thrown his lot with Yale. Chisholm has had to leave college on account of eye trouble, but promises to be with us next year. "Cicero" Morris, who obtained his B. A. last year, has returned and entered the theological department, so that we now have three brothers among the theologs. Of the other graduates of last year, "Caesar" Morris is in the insurance business in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and Bethea has charge of his father's cotton plantation at Faunsdale, Alabama.

We are particularly fortunate in having MacKellar upon the faculty this year as professor of English and Elocution. Major MacKellar has always been an enthusiastic Alpha Tau and has already helped us a

great deal this year. Scott is at his old position on the football team, and Harris Cope, the idol of Sewanee pigskin fans, has again returned to coach the varsity. Schneider is business manager of the 1917 *Cap and Gown*. Morris is again the university organist and choir director.

The big event of the season to date—and one that challenges anything to come up to it—was the banquet given during rushing season. With Major MacKellar as toastmaster and “pep” injector, Coach Cope as the chief attraction, and a picked lot of freshmen to grace our festive board, the affair was a perfect success and its praises are still echoing over the mountain.

E. B. HARRIS.

TENNESSEE.

Tennessee Pi has begun a new year with fifteen old men back, and after the rushing season we seemed to have come out on top, having pledged sixteen men of whom we are very proud. We believe the chapter is in better condition than ever before. Duncan Penn, of Indiana Gamma Omicron, has been affiliated with this chapter. W. F. Lee, who has been out of school one year, is again with us. A. D. Cameron was with us during the early part of the school year and helped us during rushing season, but has returned to his home in Chicago.

We have moved in a new house this year, 1501 West Clinch Avenue. The chapter seems better satisfied with it than the one last year. Several meetings have been held with the alumni to decide on buying a house. Even if this chapter cannot buy a house this year a building fund will be started, by which means we hope to be sure of a house in a few years.

Several smokers have been given this year. On October 22d the house was open to all alumni and their families. On December 1st we have planned a dance which will be given at the Cherokee Country Club.

Tennessee Pi has had many visitors of late, but never too many. Our house is always open. We invite all brothers to call on us while passing through the city.

P. E. WALKER.

PROVINCE IX.

STANFORD.

Fraternities at Stanford are living a very precarious existence. The whole controversy is over the low scholarship of fraternity men. President Wilbur has laid down a policy that fraternity men must raise their scholarship to the average. Those who do not show some signs of improvement within the next two years will be recommended to be dropped by their national fraternity.

The Greeks on the campus have banded together in the common cause and have appointed a committee to discuss and propose some

plan that will meet with the approval of both the fraternities and the faculty. There are some who feel that fraternities may be abolished entirely, but President Wilbur denies this.

The chapter itself is in good condition. We have twenty men in the house, two on the Rugby training table, one in Palo Alto and two pledges. We have taken our place in college activities. Two men, Otto G. Lachmund, '17, and Clifton R. Swarts, '18, have taken up lodging at the Phi Kappa Psi house, where the training table is being conducted. Otis T. I. Strong, '20, won his block numerals by playing in the Stanford-Santa Clara freshman game. There are two freshmen, Wienand K. Esgen and John C. Platt, out for soccer.

Otto G. Lachmund has been elected president of the senior class. Gunther Nagel, '17, has been taken into the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity. Ernest S. Christensen, '17, was initiated into Alpha Chi Sigma, chemistry fraternity. Clifton R. Swarts and Joseph S. Stearn, '18, were made members of the Geology and Mining Society and the Civil Engineering Society, respectively.

W. E. Dunlap, '15, and his bride visited the house while on their bridal tour, after which they will make their home in Los Angeles.

We were pleased to have a visit from Watts, New York Beta Theta, and also from Loring, New York Beta Theta, who had just returned from an extended cruise with the Carnegie Magnetical Survey.

California Gamma Iota and California Beta Psi and such members of Oregon Gamma Phi who had accompanied their football team down to Berkeley to play California had an informal banquet in San Francisco after the game. It was a very good get-together, and every one had a good time.

JOHN H. WALDO.

CALIFORNIA.

California Gamma Iota is enjoying another year of rapid and healthy growth. Rushing season is over and seven fine freshmen are now wearing the maltese cross. Nathan Mull and John McVey have returned to college after a year's absence.

The various branches of college activities are claiming the attention of many of the fellows. Karl Goeppert, "Peewee" Mejia and Ken Cormack are out for track. Goeppert has been elected freshman track captain, and enthusiasts of the cinder path look to him to be the best 440 man California has ever had. Harold Bradley and Frank Easton are on the football squad, while the freshman squad claims Hugh Minter and Paul Packard. Bob Graff and "Pegs" Grady have recently been made members of the Mandolin Club. Bill Nash and Herb Langhorne represent the chapter in the Glee Club. "Pete" Rinehart and "Pegs" Grady are on the *Daily Cal* staff. Joe Deane has recently been elected to Theta Tau, the engineering society. After a contest lasting two

months, "Bat" Nelson was elected assistant yell leader by popular vote of the bleachers. "Bat" received twice as many votes as his nearest competitor.

On the occasion of the Oregon-California football game, several of the Oregon Gamma Phi boys made the long trip from Eugene and visited the chapter house. We enjoyed having them. Come again!

On October 21st this chapter and Stanford Beta Psi had a get-together party in San Francisco, at which we entertained the Oregon men. All agreed that the affair was a success.

Since the last PALM we have received visits from numerous alumni. Some of those who dropped in to give the new frosh the "once over" are: F. A. Berlin, "Pop" Barham, "Pete" Parker, Clyde Brand, "Panther" Waud, Wallace Ware, Bill Dodge, Roy Anderson, "Rip" Knowles, "Weenie" Wilson, H. S. Jones, Farry Jones, Carroll McIntosh and Tom Kirwan.

HERBERT D. LANGHORNE.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL.

With the opening of the fall term of the college year, Alpha Sigma found itself with seventeen old men in the house. Two of the number, Shaver and Haberer, were pledges and have since been initiated. Rushing season was quite well under way during the week preceding registration. However, under the ruling made by the inter-fraternity council, men could not be approached on the subject of pledging and so the real work began on the day of registration, September 20th.

The chapter feels satisfied that it has secured a very likely bunch of freshmen. While they are men of a desirable type, their natural bent is not all in one direction and thus we hope to maintain our group balance.

Sam McClung, assistant varsity coach and captain of the 1915 Occidental College football team; Paul Holmes, Occidental lineman last season; "Tiny" Gregg, 210-lb. ex-Whittier College lineman; "Tubby" Selph, this season's varsity center; "Hank" Fish, trombone artist in the college band and orchestra, and Joe McKissick, reporter on the *Barometer* staff, are our upper class pledges.

We have been visited by a number of the fellows from the Oregon Gamma Phi chapter at Eugene. "Duke" Young, '15, now engaged as a mining engineer in Butte, Montana, came down to be initiated at the first of the year. "Duke" was one of the old Ahneeks, but was unable to be here during the installation in January. We were glad to make "Duke" an Alpha Tau.

Harmony reigns supreme in the house and the boys are all happy in spite of the fact that there is a 6 A. M. call for practice while the inter-fraternity football season is in full sway. The will with which the men have entered into all activities of the house has been good to see and our first football victory over the Kappa Sig pigskin artists has shown the result

of our united efforts. Without appearing to make a hackneyed remark we will say that, looking at the situation from all angles, the coming year should be a "hummer."

NORVAL C. CARNIE.

OREGON.

Oregon Gamma Phi started the year with twenty-two of last year's men back in college.

Gene Good, '15, is back in college this year taking some post-graduate work; Cleve Simkins, '16, is assistant in zoology, and Walter Kirk is with us again this year taking work in commerce. Walter White, who studied pharmacy at O. A. C. last year and passed the State Board examinations, is back in the house this year working for his B. A. degree. Leland Haines and Robert Riggs are back again after an absence of a year.

John J. Landsbury, of Iowa Beta Alpha, Simpson, who is head of the piano department of the School of Music, is with us again this year.

Doc Brosius, who was to be Worthy Master this year, was unable to return to college and Ray Couch has been elected to fill that office for the coming year.

Ray Couch, Basil Williams and Joe Skelton are out for football. Kent Wilson, Harry Hargraeves, "Heinie" Bills and Bill Blackaby are out for the track team. Dick Nelson, who will captain the varsity baseball team next year; Ralph Hurn, Walt White and Paul Pease will go out for the baseball team. Tyrrell Carner and "Herc" Haines are out for soccer. Ray Burns and Frank Folts are members of the Glee Club. Walt White, Harold Simpson and Morris Morgan are in the university orchestra and band. Leo Potter and Charles Croner are members of the band, and Claire Pennington is in the orchestra. George Wilcox was elected president of the freshmen students of the law school.

A number of the boys made the trip to Berkeley and witnessed the Oregon-California football game there on October 21st and report a fine time.

We are making preparations to entertain a large number of old graduates who have signified their intention of returning for home-coming day, November 4th, to witness the Oregon-Washington football game.

Gamma Phi is looking forward to a big year and extends its regards to all other chapters of Alpha Tau Omega.

JOE L. SKELTON.

WASHINGTON STATE.

Gamma Chi has just completed a most successful rushing season. Our rushing plans were formulated during the summer and everything went off with a snap and vim which brought good results. As a result eleven first-class men were pledged.

Basil Doane and Fred Glover are playing fullback and halfback on the varsity football team which bids fair to be northwest champions. We began our social activity with a well-planned house party. Several alumni and old members were here. Hitchcock, of Wyoming Gamma Psi; Lusker McCroskey, Joe Longfellow, Harry Armstrong and Bart Travers, of this chapter, were here. We are now looking forward to the annual pledge dance to be given December 15th.

In the election last meeting for our representative to Congress Jot Whetsel was elected. He will leave here about December 20th. Paul Browder was elected alternate.

Washington State has an increase in enrollment this year of about two hundred and fifty. By recent ruling of the faculty all hazing was abolished, the enforcement of freshmen rules being left entirely with the freshman class.

JULIUS Z. HOLLMAN.

WASHINGTON.

After a strenuous rushing season Gamma Pi came out of the battle with thirteen pledges. Many of the new men are engaged in some activity on the campus.

Rucker is out for ice hockey. Merrifield, Roy Fox and Bryant MacDougall are on the yell staff. Roy Fox is singing in the Glee Club. Lyn Fox is on the *Washingtonian* staff, as is Edwin Badger. Badger is also on the *Daily* staff. Other men on the *Daily* staff are Haas, Schiffer and Bryant MacDougall, editor-in-chief. Kuhnler is turning out for class basketball. Morrison is on the varsity football team and his punting is one of the big factors in the success of the varsity. Johnson is out for varsity basketball.

In the honorary fraternity elections this fall Badger was chosen for Sigma Delta Chi (journalism) and Walker Thorne was elected to Phi Alpha Delta (legal).

The chapter is working hard to raise money for the Fritz Churchill memorial library fund. The purpose of this fund is to establish a library in the new Journalism Hall in memory of Churchill, who died this summer as a result of infantile paralysis. Nearly all the campus organizations are raising money for it, as well as many downtown organizations.

The chapter is making good progress to raise her scholastic standing this year. Last year we were near the middle and it is our aim to be among the first three this year.

Twelve of the men in the house availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the Oregon Gamma Phi chapter when the football team went to Eugene to play the University of Oregon on November 4th. Every one who made the trip was more than grateful for the treatment received by the Oregon brothers.

When the second semester opens in February we expect seven men to return to college who stayed out this semester.

The chapter is planning a formal party for the night after Thanksgiving to welcome the alumni back for home-coming week. It is hoped that every A. T. O. in this part of the country will pay us a visit during that week-end. We gave a very successful dance on the night of October 11th at the home of one of the alumni. About thirty couples enjoyed the evening.

With the approach of Christmas holidays all the men are studying overtime to keep off the condition list of the recorder.

W. E. SCHIFFER.

PROVINCE X.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC.

June 6th ended a very successful year for us, graduating Walthour, Wagner and Caughman. In the festivities which went with commencement, we were well represented with Donovan leading the senior dance; Kelly, the junior, and Taylor, vice president of the freshman German Club.

We returned fourteen men, three of whom are taking post work. This made a good nucleus around which to build the chapter.

Rushing season began at the opening of school, and as a result we have C. T. Tucker, J. M. Gould, J. H. Maury, J. D. Samford, W. J. Samford, A. R. Callen, Son Coleman and J. S. Woodson.

Rickenbaker, Prendergast and DuCote are back in their places on the varsity team. Samford is showing up well on the scrubs and is also vice president of the freshman class. Kelly is captain of the band. Both he and Tucker are in the Glee Club.

On October 13th and 14th the Pan-Hellenic Association held the opening dances. These dances are held every year and mark the first social event of the season. They were pronounced a big success. The association has gotten up a cup to be won by the fraternity with the best scholastic record. It was thought that this would be a means of raising the scholastic standing of the fraternities. While we admit that Alpha Epsilon stood low last year in that respect, we have made up our minds to greatly raise our record and put up a big fight for the cup.

S. C. PHILLIPS.

SOUTHERN.

Beta Beta opened the 1916-17 scholastic year with the best prospects we have had in years. Not only did our chapter receive a new impetus, but Southern University had an increase of 10 per cent. in the student body.

We have initiated seven new men into the bonds of our brotherhood. J. H. Owens is president of the freshman class and McGehee is presi-

dent of the senior class. We have held the presidency of the freshman class for the last five years.

We have five men in the Glee Club and two in varsity football, Turnipseed and McGehee. In basketball and baseball A. T. O. will be there again with the goods.

Benson is manager of tennis. Dannelly is president of the Athletic Association and manager of basketball. McGehee is manager of baseball. Dannelly is business manager of the *Southron* and Charles Owens, assistant business manager of this publication.

We opened the year with a reception in honor of our new pledges. Soon our "rats" will entertain at the so-called rat reception.

While Beta Beta is well represented in all outside activities, her representatives can be found in the lead in classroom work. The honor roll finds numerous Alpha Taus high in standing.

This year we have fourteen active members with six active alumni. Charles Rush is our coach this year and though handicapped by the greenness of his football men, he put out a smooth running and successful football machine.

Beta Beta is clear of debt in every way and plans are being made to move into a chapter house after Christmas. These plans may or may not materialize, but we are striving *hard* to realize our dream of having a strictly A. T. O. house.

Dannelly has been elected delegate to Congress at St. Louis and no doubt several of the brothers will make the trip with him.

CHARLES OWENS.

ALABAMA.

The university opened September 13th with the largest enrollment in its history. Beta Delta returned twenty men this year, including two affiliates, Galloway and Chapman from Southern University. We also have two men pledged. They will be initiated after the first set of examinations which will probably come the last of October.

Everybody is looking forward to rushing week, which is only six weeks' distant. The prospective fraternity material is exceptionally promising this year, there being three hundred and fifty new students.

C. S. Whittelsey, a graduate in law last year, is back taking a post-graduate course. Whittelsey, Hagan and Hall are upholding Beta Delta on the football squad. Galloway and Thornbury have been elected members of the Glee Club.

The members of this chapter and a few alumni have been directing a campaign for funds to build a chapter house since last session. The funds have been raised now and work will begin within the next month. The house will be on the campus. By the ruling of the university authorities, all chapter houses must be on the campus. As a result of this,

there are five new houses being built and others will be started in the near future.

Beta Delta gave its opening dance October 2d in the gymnasium. This was the first fraternity dance this term. The affair was informal, there being about thirty couples invited. Light refreshments were served during the evening. The dance served the purpose of getting the fellows together again and renewing the old spirit in the lodge.

There is a movement on foot at the university to install a course in military training. Something like three hundred men agreed to take this course which will consist of one hour of class work on the theory and two hours of drill. The first two years the student makes no oath to the Federal authorities, but in the junior and senior years you are asked to make this oath and you are then paid. The Government furnishes the same equipment as to a private in the militia. Captain Mennegerode will take charge of this course at the university.

Among our visitors of this year are: G. G. Woodruff, L. L. Stephenson, Jr., G. R. Harsh and E. W. Carter. D. H. THORNBURY.

TULANE.

The opening of school this year found most of our old men back with us again. The exceptions were Arthur Kimball and James Boyd, who, though unable to attend the university this year, will be with us next. We have also with us Earl Hespeneide, of Pennsylvania Alpha Pi, and Woodruff, of Alabama. They are both welcome additions to our crowd and we are very glad to have them.

In scholastic work during the past year the chapter has done well, completing the 1915-16 session with an average of 81 per cent. This gave us a ranking of second among the thirteen national fraternities at Tulane. We also hold membership in the local pan-hellenic composed of six fraternities, and instituted for the advancement of inter-fraternity relations.

Emile Stouse is captain of the track and cross-country teams, and Davis McCutchon is manager of the 1917 football team.

George Billups was recently elected to an associate editorship in the *Southern Law Quarterly*.

We are looking with anticipation to the convention at St. Louis, and it is very probable that several of us will attend it. We recently had very pleasant visits from Lovell, of Michigan, and Yound, of Maine, and we are always glad to welcome any others that may happen to be in our part of the country.

N. L. LEBEUF.

TEXAS.

The opening of the 1916-17 session this fall found Gamma Eta with nine old men returned, including Dale and Bradley, who received degrees

last spring. The chapter roll was augmented in October by the initiation of five new men. Kelly, a pledge of two years ago, has returned and will be initiated in November.

We lost Rogers, Pennybacker and Savage by graduation. Erhard, Hill, McDowell, McConnell, Maxwell and Chamberlain did not return. Harrison is camped with the Texas militia at Corpus Christi.

A rushing season which at first did not seem to offer an abundance of material ended with the A. T. O. pledge button on eight of the most promising men ever bid in one year.

Four Alpha Taus, Dale, Bradley, W. White and Jones, are charter members of a new exclusive social club organized in October, called the Skull and Bones. W. M. White has been initiated into the Rattler Club. Holt is a director of the German Club, Jacks is intercollegiate editor of the *Daily Texan*, and Dunham, secretary-treasurer of Sigma Delta Chi, journalistic fraternity.

Dallas alumni were hosts to the chapter at a banquet given October 21st at the Adolphus Hotel preceding the Texas-Oklahoma football game. Members of the Delta Delta local club of Southern Methodist University, which is now petitioning Alpha Tau Omega, were also guests. All partaking of the feast were loud in their praises of the loyalty and hospitality of the alumni.

Austin was the encampment site of 15,000 militiamen following their hike from Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio. Numberless fraternity men among the troops sought out their respective orders and enjoyed a few days of relaxation from army life. Alpha Taus entertained by Gamma Eta were Mitchell, Illinois Field Artillery; Rakow, of Wisconsin; Gault, of Washington and Jefferson; Duffin, of Wisconsin; Bliss, of Brown, and Becker, of Purdue.

H. W. DUNHAM.

In Memoriam

J. WALTER LAMONT.

(Illinois Gamma Zeta.)

Requiescat in pace.

WILLIAM B. MCGERRY.

(New York Alpha Omicron.)

Requiescat in pace.

CHAUNCEY CUNNING.

(Oregon Gamma Phi.)

Born June 18, 1888; Initiated 1910;

Died September 18, 1916.

Requiescat in pace.

CHAUNCEY CUNNING.

Chauncey Cunning, of Baker, a University of Oregon graduate, died at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Royal J. Allen, Monday. Mr. Cunning's death was due to an accident, which was unusual. Last winter, while attempting to cleanse his nose, in accordance with a physician's orders, he choked and the small piece of wire which he was using was drawn into his lungs. For months he was at the St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland, following an operation, coming to Cove two weeks ago.

He was considered out of danger until suddenly taken worse, dying twenty-four hours later.

He leaves a mother, two sisters and two brothers at Baker and his sister here. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.—*Newspaper Clipping.*

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